

The Mystic's Goal

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TRUTH

More than the Pagan's terror of his idol,
More than the Christian's worship of his God,
More than the love of light to one born blind,
Or thirst to desert wanderers in the night,
Is Truth to men.

Better than hope of Christian's peaceful Heaven,
Higher than fast or prayer or penitence,
More keen than sharp hunger's stifling bite,
Is that which urges on the search of
Faith for facts.

Not as the world seeks can Truth be found,
For Truth is born of mighty things which last
Beyond the centuries' time and test,
Which stand and beat against traditions' shores
With whipping tides.

Before the centuries' ceaseless ebb and flow,
Beyond the stifling bands of ignorance,
The mighty walls of doubt and lies give way,
And Life again reveals, through men divine,
The Truth Itself.

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CHAPTER I

THE FIRST WORD

MYSTICISM is that truth which was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be. It never changes, but retranslates itself from century to century in the minds which grow to the crest of race-consciousness.

Through all the changing varieties of race delusions that are born on the lowlands of human reasoning, wisdom of the eternal Absolute is the one thing which saves the soul from despair. True revelation never dies; it lives eternally in some form; it gathers its broken and scattered tendrils together again and

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again, and, in some new hour, winds them round the half-fledged creations of human research.

Faith, built around the structures of what men believe, must for ever be a cross upon which they will be crucified. Only that faith which is born from Realities can become a crown of wisdom; only Truth in the hearts of men can enable them to gather together the unrealities of their own life, and, building a new temple upon Truth Itself, sing "Out of my stony grief, Bethel I'll raise."

There is something deep within the soul of humanity which neither tradition, superstition, nor even the centuries themselves can destroy. This hidden thread is faith in revelation itself, and this has sent mankind steadily up the ladder of Life, from the saturated mass-consciousness to the crest-mind, where it found the proof of its unspoken belief.

The search for mystical revelation is

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that ladder by which humanity has climbed out from ignorance, bondage, and control, into freedom, happiness, and divine individuality. Revelation in the soul of man always sends it onward. No matter what the colour, race, or creed may be, there abides this something which whispers in mystical language the story of an existing Reality, which is to be found somewhere and embraced, and the testimony of the Mystic's celestial rapture in this union has echoed down the centuries.

Mysticism in the souls of men draws them upward into conscious union with the highest powers; meeting then the mighty experiences of Life, wisdom gives a shield which so ensheathes their consciousness, that they can cling defiantly to the thing which they have proven to be eternal verity. Then, up the steep summit of their life's long day, battling for God, for man, and for themselves,

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they find eventually the real Mount of human Transfiguration.

Against this rock of mystical revelation the fierce tides of incredulity, delusions, and superstitions have beaten themselves into mountains of spray and fallen back again, useless and unavailing.

"As rests the Sphinx amidst Egyptian sands,
As looms on high its snowy peaks and crests,
As firm and patient as Gibraltar stands,
So Truth, unmoved, its puny foes defies ;
It never dies."

CHAPTER II

THE MYSTIC

HUMANITY is more than a simple equation. It is a complex combination of evolving units, each individualising along his own orbit of desire.

The Great Throng holds within itself every type of human consciousness ; they are all named, numbered, corded, and placed in the Great Universal Ledger of time and eternity.

On the first edge of this stream of individuality stands the "Novitiate," on the last dwells the "Mystic" ; between them, to and fro, there swings the treadmill of the "Initiate."

The Novitiate is one who does not know anything about the Great Realities

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of the universe, and does not know that he does not know—often he thinks he knows, and defies wisdom with his stubborn ignorance.

The Initiate is one who knows something through living contact, but is still blind, deaf, and dumb to higher revelation. Having eyes, he sees not, and, with ears which do not hear the highest harmonies, he thinks they do not exist, and stands resolutely by the fact that, because they are not "truth" to him, they are not possible.

These two states of human evolution are part of the plan of cosmic life; the Novitiate passes by natural laws into contact with living facts, which initiates him into wider reaches of life, then experiences pass him out of the Novitiate throng to where he is compelled, by Life itself, to take his place in the next great round of the cycle.

The Initiate, swinging to and fro

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between what is and what seems to be, beaten back upon himself by his own experiences, returning again and again to that which contradicts his common sense, finds refuge, first, in silent, dissatisfied confusion, then, as the darkness of indecision deepens, he lifts his mind into union with what he hopes may be, and finds himself sustained by unchanging facts.

He finds that there are things so true that no amount of proof can make them more true, and yet, it is more than impossible to prove them to those who do not touch the level of their origin.

From this hill-top of higher illumination he rises step by step, until through new registrations of human experiences he is flung upon the mountain peaks of MYSTICAL CONSCIOUSNESS. There he finds a new world made beautiful by his own inspired understanding. He is a

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Mystic at last—the midnight of uncertainty has passed for ever.

The Mystic is one who knows, and knows that he knows—knows what he knows, and why he knows—and works from a *certainty*. He has passed the portals of the Novitiate and taken the essence of his experiences with him; he has brought with him the scars of his battles with doubts and ignorance in the Initiate throng, and, like a vapour of sweet imagination, they wrap round him as a background for the white Light of his higher consciousness. He has extensions of conception with which the ordinary race-mind is unfamiliar. He has revelations, based upon higher contact with infinity—brought to him through Clairvoyance, Clairaudience—Dream instructions and flashlight signals from the levels of life ahead of him, through and from those who are guarding the mystical path.

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The Mystic is the fourth dimension of being. Space, time, distance are one; he is out to the land of the naked vision and the single eye. Here he stands steadfast, and here he has stood through all ages, speaking in tones of uncontradicted authority.

There is a tableland of the soul, and those who find it can speak its language and come into the possession of the gifts of the kingdom. Those who do not know it can only listen, doubt, or believe and wait, until, through the stress of life itself, they are tossed upon its edges, and find there, as actual realities, much of what they have thought to be only a dream.

Many things have been attributed to the Mystic which savour of unreality, incredulity, and foolishness. Men are prone, at the level of Novitiate and Initiate unfoldment, to scoff at Mystical enlightenment, and often only the merest

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shells from the mystical shore are accepted by the Great Throng, and these are twisted and distorted beyond recognition in order to fit their own conception of Truth.

The real Truth is that the Mystic, walking breast high with God, crowned with inner light and filled with the glory of his own transcendentalism, often finds it hard to clothe his revelation in language to fit the consciousness of the multitude through which it is forced to percolate.

He is always close enough to God not to be mistaken, but scarcely close enough to men to be understood.

In the true light of revelation there are no such things as mysteries. The Mystic knows this; he knows that the things called mysteries are simply Truth, working its way to fulfilment on a higher plane of action and reaction.

He knows that his place of uncontra-

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dicted authority is maintained through his own risen consciousness of life's finer forces in action in the so-called material universe. He knows that the unseen things are the real things, for he has seen that the origin of all things is within, and the action of all laws is without. The enduring mystery of all mysticism is man's own divinity—the oneness of all life—and man's evolution from unity to diversity, and from diversity to unity, with conquest of the material universe through this wisdom.

The Mystic's power lies in his serene judgment and interpretation of all life's apparently unanswerable problems—unanswerable always at the level of Novitiate and Initiate unfoldment, but clearly defined at the crest of human thinking.

Revelation always rests on the crest of race-consciousness. Truth has always its mountain peaks of valiant support; and,

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ever since Time began, the Great Eternal Cosmic Spirit has worked Its way from atom to celestial host, combating that which dared oppose Its will.

It does not matter whether the world-mind accepts mysticism or not. No matter whatever exalted experience touches human consciousness, the Mystic's transcendency is the highest chord of them all. The voice of the Infinite is calling to-day just as it has called through all ages. The promise of everlasting goodness, the unfaltering wisdom, the glory of love that never faileth, is being sung over and over by the wisdom people of the earth. The undying truth of Creation's dawn, the truth of man's birth and his eternal undying destiny, all blend into a deathless song.

The Great Infinite mind claims every life as Its own as it passes on in human unfoldment. The world is a field, and each life in it is a tree growing from universal

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soil—only those will endure without becoming tempest-tossed by life's tempestuous rains and winds, who have the tap-root of self wrapped round the Eternal.

Every human life has the universal life-currents latent within it, and this life-force is quickened through mystical impulses; transcendental contacts bring forth great spiritual powers, which can lift humanity above the lesser laws of living and bring it out upon peace-crowned heights of human endeavour.

All the latent energy of a human soul comes to the surface in just the proportion that the consciousness rises above the lower human impulse of the limited personal self.

Every day, Life with its long train of human incidents claims the attention of the Novitiate and Initiate multitude—there are none who do not come this way; but the time we spend in each is of

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our own choosing ; we may pass on as we become fit, and the becoming fit is in our own consciousness.

Throughout and above the external world of people and things there is the Great Cosmic Mind in all and through all, a great vibrant moving force which is positive to every created thing. Union with this, lifts us above the action or reaction of the separate currents embodied or disembodied. We stand supreme in this Cosmic force. Once we know perfect unification through this, we become lords of all the lesser kingdoms and supreme directors of our own material universe.

There is no lot on earth so dark, sad, or lonely, but which, when acted upon by the mystical consciousness, can be lifted away into new paths of peace, power, and plenty. From the very lowlands of human despair and human limitation we can send our thought-force straight into connection

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with the Source of All, and stand body, mind, soul, and spirit alive in the Great Reality.

All true revelation and all delusions have their origin in the old idea of God and the story of man's advent on to the planet. These explanations begin with the story of the Garden of Eden.

The delusions came from the Novitiate minds, and were simply cradle songs, sung in the first centuries to the simple minds of the earth's first-born. They were retranslated somewhat, and sung again by the lisping tongues of the Initiate masters. They were told over and over, like the folk songs of the present day—not even the elect dared to contradict them.

They caught the rising mind of the multitude with their simple rhythm, and held it until they were formed into an exoteric message. This message was built upon what men thought, and the evolving

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multitude accepted it, because it was not yet able to think for itself.

The true story of Creation could not be told to those who did not and could not think for themselves. The Mystic, with his Truth of what was in the beginning, was a something set apart—enshrined within holy wall or inner sanctuary, and looked upon as possessing mysterious learning given by the gods.

The true story of God and Creation could only be told to those who developed the Mystic's consciousness. Two thousand years ago the Great Mystic, Jesus, said to His disciples, "To you it is given to know the secrets of the Kingdom of Heaven . . . to them in parables."

Truth waited through the centuries for that hour when men would grow in understanding and turn to it in glad surprise, eager to see the vision of infinity unroll before them like a scroll.

To-day, the mystical consciousness has

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become widely recognised—the modern Mystic is everywhere, and his words of wisdom are falling upon the listening ears of the multitude like a benediction; those who have ears to hear and eyes to see are turning their faces upward and forward, following the light of ages.

Knowing the Truth, the Truth sets them free from all the limitations which their half-fledged delusions put upon them. Jesus said, "I know Him and I keep the commandments"; and the risen minds to-day are echoing this declaration—they do not argue about God or explain—they know, and they know how they know and what they know. They live their human life from a certainty, which changes the whole face of their world.

Following Truth instead of tradition, they find a new world and are able to make it beautiful with their own inspired creations; their old heaven and their old earth have passed away.

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Behind all the distortions of superstition they find the Great Reality, and there is no longer mystery for them, for in the light of higher revelation Truth reveals and mystery explains.

CHAPTER III

THE MYSTIC'S PATH

THERE are just two things in the world, that which was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, *Truth Itself* and the things which men have thought and will think about Truth.

That which was in the beginning will last; that which men *think* will change. That which was in the beginning is *Truth*; most of what men think is only Truth to them; when the law of real Truth comes it destroys their mental creations.

As the centuries go on there must come, by the natural processes of evolution, extended minds which revert back

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to original cosmic facts, and these minds, filled with the memory of the experiences of the past, faced with the immutable facts of the present, overshadowed with the mystical prophecies of the future, are crowded out upon the path of race-consciousness, calling it back to the original—Truth. This is the unquestionable duty of the Mystic. He cannot choose; his centuries' old consciousness has fitted him for the task.

Creation is eternal, so are creatures; but Creature-creations are always changing and always under the law of action and reaction. When men have extended their consciousness far enough in any creative direction, the universal law of Truth takes a hand in bringing them back to the original plan.

The Cosmic Law never allows Life to run too far in a tangent. It makes always for universal equalisation, and, in spite of ideals or idols, it will push man on

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some time into conscious recognition of the Absolute.

All things that are not one with true cosmic facts must perish. The minds of men are always forced to release their creations, born from half-truths. Cosmic Laws must be fully satisfied; there is no incompleteness in the Ultimate. We live in a perfect universe, in perfect situations, with perfect people; and thinking, speaking, or acting outside the law of perfection is bound to lead us to a stage where we are, eventually, corrected by the Law itself.

Life must go on from everlasting to everlasting; we are deathless souls on an endless journey; we are born to look upward and not downward; to go forward and not backward; to start from beginning to beginning again.

Humanity must go on from one plane of consciousness to higher and higher crests on the cosmic path. The only "forbidden fruit" in any Garden of

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Eden is that quality of mind which allows us to become so fixed in what we believe, that we cannot let it go and reach out into wider revelation in the universal life.

The individual consciousness is bound to progress through the exhaustion of natural beliefs and experiences into new contacts; and when it does not go forward of its own accord, the Universal Law takes a hand in its progress and corrects it through disease, poverty, pain, and loss, until the individual turns away from error and finds that the cure of the false ideas lies in the fruits of the ideas themselves.

When a race or nation does not let go of the false ideas drawn from what men think in opposition to what really is, the universal life, which must be satisfied, rearranges it, and with war, plague, famine, fever, and death, wipes it out and reconstructs it to begin new contacts with "That" which was in the beginning.

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There comes a time to all Civilisations when they reach the adult age of perfect understanding, and the Mystic's message of Truth falls like a benediction into their minds. That hour has now come; every tree that Truth has not planted is being rooted up socially, industrially, politically, financially, and religiously. Humanity is experiencing a complete overthrow of the old with the re-establishment of true revelation.

Civilisation has grown up, and the cradle stories of the old educators are no longer good enough for the risen intellectuality and spirituality of this day. In the fourth dimensional consciousness the minds of men are seeing through error of every kind to Truth and Righteousness.

Old delusions, traditions, and superstitions have had their day, as have the civilisations which brought them forth. The old ideals and idols were good enough for the Novitiate and Initiate consciousness

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of the past, but to the Mystics they are only cradle stories told by the masters of men to lull to sleep the restlessness of the evolving race-mind. They were never *Truth*; they have had to go, and were forced to take with them the things they produced; their departure has made way for a wider view and a stronger power of revelation and wisdom. In their place has come a new vigorous consciousness, widely awake to new ideals, demanding that interpretation of all human problems shall come from a plane of revelation too high for the admission of argument and contradiction, and yet too plain to be misunderstood.

The awakened tiger of higher intellectuality and spirituality will not sleep again. Hungry from the unsatisfying fragments of the past, disappointed with the pain and torture of its misplaced confidences, it demands indisputable facts, based on Truth itself.

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Higher than the chanting voices of creed-bound priests, louder than the roar of battle of recent years, clearer than the muffled wrangling of financial, political, industrial, and religious lies, a new clarion call is penetrating the air: a new message is working itself into the minds and hearts of men, the multitude is listening, and, from higher levels of consciousness, minds are catching the signals of supreme intelligence.

In spite of the conservatism of the delusion-bound multitude, stronger and more definite ideas of God, of Christ, of man, of Life and self, yea even of Death, are being spoken in a new language. Redemption has a new meaning, and humanity, through higher wisdom, is redeeming itself out of all nations, all races, all peoples, all classes, all creeds, into the One Life which is in them all and through them all.

In spite of the creed-bound minds of the

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old civilisation, the Novitiate and Initiate ideas of human evolution must go, displaced by the revelation of the Mystic who has found himself, found his God, and found that God Himself can be his teacher.

A hundred million civilisations may have been used to clear away the debris of delusions and traditions, but their work has been done, and there has arisen a great new multitude whose hearts, minds, and souls are free. "They are packed with the pulse of an unborn race, heir to the ages' gain." Stepping across the centuries, walking breast high with Truth, they have lifted their life to the level of the Universal Life, and from the shores of Infinite wisdom great waves of revelation have beaten in upon them. They dare to doubt, not the Eternal God, not the Eternal Christ, not the eternal man, not the Eternal Life divine, but much that traditional thinking has written and

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taught. With their own illumined minds acting as divine-receiving centres, they are broadcasting the Truth to the world. This is the great human uttermost; arriving here no man returns.

CHAPTER IV

THE BIRTH OF TRUTH

AS soon as the minds of men could reason they began to ask questions, and they found other minds which answered them, according to their own point of comprehension. This asking and answering continued until there were three streams of testimony fighting for supremacy in the minds of the multitude.

The Novitiate answered from his own level of limited experience and stamped his thoughts on the race-mind; the Initiate answered from the level of what men think, and gathered his answers into an authority as inflexible as holy writ, in steadfast defiance of anything

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which threatened his half-revealed authority.

The Mystic answered from the level of Truth and cosmic facts which were from the beginning, and which he knew that the experience of Life itself would support from generation to generation.

These mystical interpretations were gathered together and have come down the ages as Temple teachings. They have never changed; years have not dimmed their radiance, and neither doubt, incredulity, nor criticism has changed one jot or tittle of their power. Wherever and whenever men have stumbled on these truths, they have blazed forth, like diamonds in the dust. They have been taught and handed onward by the wise from generation to generation; they are indestructible, eternal, unchallenged; for that which IS can never not BE, and that which is NOT can never BE.

These mystical answers have been given

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by word of mouth—they have been inscribed in symbols—they have been cut in stone—they have been marked on parchments; but no matter in how many ways they have been perpetuated, the fact remains that in them lies the Real Truth which has never been lost. This Truth, running like a golden thread from century to century, always reveals itself, clearly and definitely to illumined minds, in that hour that they separate themselves from the false interpretations which always grow up like weeds about them.

At certain periods in the evolution of race-consciousness it becomes necessary for the tangled web of human thinking to be brought back to realities—back from what men think to “that which was and is and ever shall be”; and then it is that new ideals, new revelations, and new readjustments of thought begin. “Truth crushed to earth will rise again; the eternal years of God are hers.”

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Tracing the path of Truth from its birth through the ages, we can find that in every new civilisation men ask the same questions. No matter how many centuries intervene, they never depart from a fixed form of interrogation. They cannot, for these questions belong to the Eternal law of human progress; man rises—or falls—not by what really *is*, but by that which he believes. These questions are the outcome of his own unfoldment, and the mind will question until it is answered rightly—and it is never answered rightly—until it is no longer necessary to ask again.

As long as men continue asking the same questions over and over again, they are off the line of absolute revelation—and must go on until they connect with the Mystic's answer; and this answer, coming right from the heart of the cosmic life, always satisfies.

On the path of human evolution from

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the false to facts, wherever blood has been spilled, it was in the struggle of lies with lies. "Truth answers not—it does not take offence, but with a mighty silence bides its time—till men shall turn to it with glad surprise."

Wherever the blood of the race has coloured the path, it has been the mark of Cain slaying his brother—"the Lamb that was slain before the beginning of the world," all brought into birth through what men think and not by Truth itself. In this twentieth century men "still plait the thorns and pierce the side of Him who, in our life again, is spit upon and crucified."

The hour for mystical revelation has struck. The Mystic is ready, with the White Light of higher understanding, to flash his wisdom to the risen minds. Everywhere there are those ready to listen and hear the Truth which has been so long denied. The birth of Truth

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has come, Christ is again on the earth, alive in the risen minds and lives of those who can understand the cosmic laws for which He died. These are gathering together like an incoming tide; the body of the Christ emanates through the transcendental thought substance flowing out from the illumined consciousness of men. They are creating it with thoughts and building with words.

The minds of the multitude are questioning, and they are being answered in a way to be understood. Use is the test of everything. The multitude can use these answers, and through them emancipate themselves from the old laws of limitation and superstition. Higher human perception has unveiled their mystery.

Through all the tangles of the human pathway runs this straight and narrow path of right understanding. Man finds this mass of separate living life; he sees the womb in which that which *was* in the

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beginning and that which *was not* was conceived. He sees the harvest of it all. "Behold I come quickly, and My reward is with Me to give every man according to his works." Thus watching Life, he finds that the only ladder by which humanity climbs past its dead self to higher things is through its own ever-widening beliefs, and the experiences which they bring, and he passes from the false to the true, and back to the false, until through his own deepening consciousness of infinity he is born anew within himself, and reaches the tableland of *Reality*.

GOD

There is an essence ; a triumphant power
That trembles wildly through the human mind ;
A fragrance touching every passing hour,
Which every hungering life may seek and find.

It touches grief and bids it pass to joy ;
It breathes its breath upon the lips of pain ;
It radiates a peace without alloy ;
It makes each tragic loss seem greater gain.

It is a sweet, exalting, rapturous thing,
Unseen by human eye or held by hand ;
Its gleaming heights with wondrous chimings
ring ;
Our very self has reached the promised land.

There flows through all this essence from above ;
Men touch its heights, while walking on the
sod ;
And human souls so touched have called it
LOVE,
While loving human hearts have called it GOD.

CHAPTER V

THE FIRST MYSTERY

THE TRUE IDEA OF GOD

THERE is nothing in the world but life. This life expresses itself in form from atom to universe. The function of life is creation, emanation, and evolution. There is no one master-record of creation, neither is there a master-personality, nor one localised centre of super-intelligence in the scheme of creation.

“God is Cosmic Spirit”; the great universal intelligence manifesting in all things seen and all things unseen. This Cosmic Spirit holds in itself the creative and receptive principles of creation, emanation, and evolution. God as Cosmic Spirit is present everywhere in infinitesimal processes of materialisation.

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Cosmic Spirit embodies at every pulse-beat of cosmic evolution. There is no conscious intelligence outside of form. A formless intelligence could not exist; formless spiritual substance is a myth, born in the same cradle of thought that rocked the other great myths of the ages.

The substance that is called formless by those who think they know is simply form too high for finite recognition. Cosmic Spirit on any level of action manifests itself in the form normal to its own intelligence.

Behind all manifested creation is the intelligence which creates, and behind this creating is the Creator. This Creator is Intelligence Itself or Cosmic Spirit. "In the beginning God (Cosmic Spirit) made the Heavens and the Earth," and He said, "Let the earth bring forth grass; the herbs yielding seed, and the fruit tree yielding fruit after his kind, whose seed is in itself upon the earth." "And God

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(Spirit) created the great whales and every thing that moveth, which the waters brought forth abundantly after their own kind, and every winged fowl after its own kind, and God saw that it was good."

In this story of Creation there is hidden the Novitiate idea of the personal God which men, perhaps, needed at that stage to help them in their primitive unfoldment; but it also hides the true story of creation and the Creator. It is an almost obscure germ of thought, but the centuries have again and again preserved it until the whole Truth could be told. The passing centuries have brought a larger mind, a deeper thought, and an insistent demand for fuller knowledge, and with this higher revelation has been found the Intelligence of the universe expressed as Cosmic Spirit.

It can easily be seen that from the very dawn of intelligence, even in the atom, the whole impulse of Cosmic Spirit was

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reproduction of Itself, and it brought forth of its own kind until it reached the point where the cosmic ideal of humanity could be fully manifested through the form called man.

God, Cosmic Spirit, Mind, or Universal Intelligence begins in Itself, and this Spirit, flinging itself into manifestation, creates its own form and reconstructs these forms as the centuries go by.

The purpose of Creation is Creation, and the things created are but the by-products of the intelligence which creates. Even these created things are intelligence, simply in another form of cosmic life. Life cannot and does not destroy Life; it can only rearrange itself. It is God's will that we should meet His will, and we can meet it unafraid. There may be mile after mile of the dark, but after the last mile it is day, on that Dawn Thing here in the breast, which the Slayer himself cannot slay, "because the Slayer,

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the slaying, and the 'thing slain' are one."

When Cosmic Spirit reached the apex of higher production in Life itself, man came forth and multiplied, each bringing forth of his own kind, and, until the scheme of human form is complete, man will continue to bring forth of his own kind.

The eternal source of Life inheres in the eternal form of Life, which is Life Itself, and the eternal beginning of Life is the eternal end. Beginning and ending are one, for in that which begins lies the completion of something, and in that which completes itself lies the ever new awakening of another form of Life. The ultimate is always waiting to become the apparent, and the apparent is ever the beginning of another ultimate. There is no final ultimate, except the law of creation itself. Creation is the ultimate of creation.

Life is for ever passing from the Uncreate

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to the Create, and back again to the Uncreate. In this passing, humanity sees the apparent perishing of form; and in the ignorance of Novitiate thought says, "Lo, here is death, and here is loss and the end." It does not know that Cosmic Spirit rolls back from tides of life upon the human shore, to tides of higher life upon the shores of the unlimited or so-called unseen. Even the Initiate world-mind has mistaken these changes and has turned from them in sorrow and pain. It does not see the nameless intelligence working in, through, and with the things called form; nor can it see that everything brings forth of its own kind and reconstitutes its own kind in its own way.

The substance of which worlds are made is Eternal Stuff, and "resistless change, when powerless to aid, can only mar," and in this marring pass itself into finer form, on higher levels of Cosmic Life.

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Jesus said, "God is a Spirit, and they that worship Him must worship Him in Spirit and in Truth"; and the ancients said, "All that is, of things seen or unseen, of moving things or things unmoved—plant or still seed—is bond of spirit-mind and spirit-breath, and in this bond the pulse of living life, hence living God."

In this day there is a new human understanding. The risen consciousness of men has looked over the rim of a new world, and has seen the real "dawn of creation," and has seen overshadowing it the Real Creator, and, seeing this, has grasped more clearly the plan of manifested life and the cosmic scheme of the universe.

Man finds that the "Creator" is the Great Cosmic Spirit Itself, bringing forth of its own kind; "that the purpose of creation is creation," and that all things in form, from atom to angelic host, are

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not the creations of a master recorder ; not things created by super-intelligence in super-form, but the vehicle of Cosmic Intelligence, evolving on its way from invisible to visible and again returning. Cosmic Spirit rises from life within itself to life without. A new-born impulse within gives form on this plane, and as the highest, finest, and uttermost on this plane called earth stands man, the master-product of Evolved Intelligence Itself. Man is passing on his destined path towards other higher forms of Cosmic Life, in which he will realise that the "Creator," the "creating," and the "things created" are one.

Human life, at the transcendent plane called human consciousness, has escaped the lesser forms, and through creation, emanation, and evolution stands registered at a new level, the grand—master—man of the world.

Man is the highest expression of Cosmic

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Spirit in form on earth. He is not a part of God, nor a creation by God; he is Universal Intelligence or Cosmic Spirit Itself, at his particular point of manifestation. Before him the whole vast universe of created things is spread; he knows from whence he came and whither he goes, and, as the bullet speeds through the trackless air, stirring its own course, yet disturbing not the great world of air around, so man evolves from Life itself, living his own independent life, bringing forth of his own kind, yet remains unchained by the Great Life, in which he lives, and of which he is the highest form.

He sees a new heaven and a new earth. His old heaven and his old earth have indeed passed away. He stands in a "new creation morning," and with unsealed eyes he sees the new, clear, distinct, glorified, evolving sea of apparent nothingness, yet he knows that this nothingness (called God) is Cosmic Spirit or "Life

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Itself," and the Intelligence which it is, is slowly moving into Cosmic form. He looks with a true vision at a world with nothing in it, and he perceives that it is growing light—as men in darkened pits behold the darkness vanishing as their eyes become adjusted to it.

The new man looks and beholds the Real Creation; the empty world takes form. A soft mist of forming electronic intelligence moves quickly to a higher rate of vibration, and the empty world is filled with a moving mind-mist which has in itself the "Creator," the "creating," and the "things to be created."

Then with widening vision he looks again, and evolution goes on. Slowly the mind-mist forms itself into Cosmic currents, and double currents of action move from East to West, then across these currents move from North to South and South to North, and the world of nothingness is suddenly filled with a seething

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action of Cosmic breath. The centuries pass, until Cosmic Spirit, satisfied with its primary evolutions, comes into a changed vibration, and, with its great currents moving into a slower form, the first great elemental bodies are born.

There are just five great elemental bodies of the mist-mind, five great elemental forms in this Universal Intelligence. We know these as Light, Air, Fire, Water, Earth.

The electrons of universal intelligence in the Cosmic currents slowed to the first great vibration, and formed the substance called Light. The second slowing vibration formed Air, the third Fire, the fourth Water, and the fifth Earth. In these the great mindless-mind of "Creation" had its Cosmic birth. From these come all things seen and all things unseen throughout eternal ages. All that is, and was, and is to be.

Mist-mind, light, air, fire, water, and

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earth—these are the bodies of nature, and the first forms of Cosmic Spirit, and these emerge new born from Spirit, and they return reborn to it. The earth dissolves itself again and again into water, water dissolves itself into fire, fire expends its force into air, and air to light, and light to mist-mind, to go on for ever in infinite adjustment and readjustment.

This passing of the elements into the seen from the unseen, and out again into seen, is the so-called pulse-beat of Life Itself. It is the great conception and birth of Cosmic Intelligence, and through it the universe creates, expresses, experiences, and includes.

These great elemental intelligences, crowded on by the vibrations of light and air, which are always beating upon Life, and calling for embodiment, combine again in a new process of creation, and the elemental kingdoms of mineral, vegetable, and animal come forth. These

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kingdoms are a still higher manifestation of form. The mindless mind of the universe is in all and through all. It dwells in all these kingdoms, yet has its home in none. It is motionless, yet moving. It is in, yet above. It shines eternally, yet makes the darkness of the deepest pit.

The four kingdoms of earth are made of this Universal Stuff which never exhausts itself, and when Intelligence has completed the form of the mineral kingdom it evolves within itself to a master point of release and gathers in a higher level of expression, and is born in the vegetable kingdom. When the master evolution of the vegetable kingdom is complete, the Cosmic Spirit posits again in another form of self-realisation, and the animal intelligence comes forth. And when Life has fulfilled and exhausted itself on the animal level, it flings itself forward in higher creation and actualisation, and

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the new creation appears in the form of man.

"Dust of the Earth, shot through with Mystic gleams ;
Brief whites of glow, with inklings of the God ;
Mind and a soul ; alight with star-fed dreams ;
Thy hope fulfilled—Man sprung from out the clod."

Man is a man, and not a mineral, a vegetable, nor an animal—simply because through centuries of creation, emanation, and evolution the Cosmic Spirit itself has pushed on toward higher levels of limitless embodiment. "There is a spirit in man, and the inspiration of the Almighty giveth it understanding."

Man is a creation, an emanation, and an evolution, the perfecting production of Spirit itself. When Cosmic Spirit has satisfied Itself through all the forms of evolution called man, it passes on into another lift in the Cosmic ideal and becomes the angelic life of the spheres ; then beyond the spheres is the yet higher expression of the kingdoms, and beyond

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these the limitless embodiment of eternities of creation, emanation, and evolution.

The ever-extending mind of the universe speaks its ideals through all and in all. Beginning with the veriest atom, it calls to itself other electronic points, and in closer attraction it becomes in turn molecules, masses, and universes, and goes on in specialised projections through all worlds that are, and all worlds that ever will be.

Streaming from sun to sun, projecting its rays to the farthest end of the earth's domain, each tiny atom becomes a directing force in the Great Cosmic strands of Life. From the very rim of so-called matter to the heart of the entity called man, the Great Electronic Intelligence winds its way from light to air, from air to fire, from fire to water, from water to earth, and through all these to mineral—vegetable—animal—man—angelic masters

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of the spheres—Gods of the planets—and back to the very heart of the sun to be absorbed, transmuted, and sent out again through the Gods of the planets, whose intelligence is one with the Great Creative Cosmic Spirit.

This system of intelligence is not intricate. We are a conscious part in a mighty whole whose centre is Cosmic Spirit Itself, and whose circumference is Cosmic Intelligence in action, in form.

The Creator, or Universal Intelligence, is waiting to be acted upon. It cannot choose but bring forth after the kind of intelligence which commands it. Streaming from the sun to the edge of the earth, this electronic Intelligence passes to and fro, and it is guarded, directed, and controlled by those who, through centuries of creation, emanation, and evolution, have secured an ascension consciousness and gathered to themselves a great personal contact with universal mind.

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Man with his mind forms his own solar centre of the earth. He is the highest expression of intelligence on this earth, and all things of the lower kingdoms must obey him. He is lord of the mineral, vegetable, and the animal. It is for him to command, these must obey; but his authority ends when he turns to the kingdoms of the upper spheres, for there he meets the intelligence of those who have preceded him upon the path, and he can only move upward through the receptivity of his own mind. He can make his own mind one with the minds of all centuries past and to come; and with this great mental radio-centre he receives through his own consciousness the wisdom of the minds ahead, broadcasted from divine centres.

Just as the animal kingdom beneath man is negative mind and receptive to man's mind, so is man the receptive mind to the worlds of consciousness above him,

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and he advances quickly or slowly, according to how he is individually related to the heights of intelligence in which these evolved masters dwell. His own mind is one with the Great Mind of the universe, and he can establish his own degree of response.

He can become proxy for the most high intelligence, and in his creations, emanations, and evolutions walk companion with the last extension of mind in the universe, or he can turn his mind earthward and keep pace with the limited intelligence of the earth-bound throng.

In this return to the Truth of the Creator and Creation, man finds that God is Cosmic Spirit and Life is Cosmic Law. In this dawn of a true creation morning man meets the real God, and finds Him not a far-off extrinsic personal being in some unknown kingdom outside of the world He projected from Himself and for Himself, but an ever-indwelling Spirit

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of Intelligence in all and through all, having in Itself all potentialities, and these potentialities neither good nor bad, neither high nor low, but just Cosmic response always answering in kind.

In this new idea of God, man finds that God, the Great Cosmic Spirit, works through man himself, for him, and that that thing which is given to him is simply "Life itself" in ever-increasing degrees of response to his human intelligence.

The new-age mind asks, "What is God?" and the Mystic answers clearly and distinctly as he has always answered, "God is Cosmic Spirit, manifesting in all and through all, as a ceaseless, unerring intelligence; all nature is the body of God and manifests as a perfect plan of creation. God or Cosmic Spirit sets its own patterns, brings forth of its own kind. Man is its highest pattern on this earth. Cosmic Spirit speaks to man through Life itself. Life is from

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beginning to beginning again. Cosmic Spirit moves through Divine desire. The purpose of creation is creation. All things emerge new born from Cosmic Spirit, all things return reborn to it. Cosmic Spirit is waiting to be acted upon, and man is the actor. With what measure he metes, it is meted unto him again."

Thus the Creator of the old civilisation passes. He was created in the fervid imagination of men, who thought they knew, but who reasoned outside of Truth; He is displaced by the wider conceptions in man's own mind.

The old idea of God, the personal master of all creation, passes, because creations must pass. The fountain begins and ends in its source, and this old God idea, built from the substance of man's own thinking, becomes what all such creations must become—a dying thing, born to crumble back to earth, not

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because it would but because it must. The signs of human work are lack of growth. A tree will live as long as it is related to its source of life.

The Great Creative Cosmic Spirit endures; it runs as Intelligence through everything, just as the current runs along the wires. It never dies; it only detours when the thing through which it must pass breaks the direct line of contact. "How frail the works of men, back to the earth again, ancient and Godlike things fade like a dream!"

In this new idea of God all life becomes perfect in every form. Cosmic Spirit is not swallowed up in diversity nor lost in infinity. Nowhere ending, nowhere beginning, yet ever ending and beginning where life is found. Nowhere a special centre, yet all Life composed of centres, blending, unblending, creating, uncreating, fashioning with such a tender touch that it can make new worlds within itself,

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yet in the deep silence of the stillest cañon leaves not a flower imperfect.

In this true idea of God as Cosmic Spirit, a new power comes over the world. It is surely the evening and morning of a glorious day. Humanity is awake, and the hours will stretch their clearer length between, until the full light of this new revelation is over all.

With our human mind linked in conscious at-one-ment with Universal Life, and our life one with Cosmic Laws, we work our way into finer and finer creations. We live in a temple, not made by hands, but the temple of our own inspired understanding. God is Spirit, and closer He really is than breathing, for He is that which is the breath of life itself.

"Too close for prayer, true thankfulness the only thing that's fit."

Standing here, in a new conscious power of Cosmic adjustment, we find a

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God we cannot offend ; the great Spiritual board of censors has passed away, displaced by ever-widening intelligence of human life. We are free to stay free ; Spiritual Secessionists, seceding from the old civilisation's delusions and authority.

With this revelation of God, we have a new message of release from the personal intervention of a personal God. We find a new privilege, a new opportunity ; and in perfect individualisation, perfect sympathetic self-association, we pass into a new spiritual and mental mastery of Life itself. As a conscious centre in our own solar system, we take our place in the great creative hierarchy with which the upper spiritual directors gird Heaven and earth. Touching this Spirit, within and without, our steps are led through perfect realisation. We bring forth of our own kind, and the Cosmic Spirit speaks to all, "Behold, I come quickly, and My reward is with Me,

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to give every man according as his work shall be."

And with faces upraised to the touches of the Infinite Spirit, we pray from a new level of understanding :

"O Thou that dwellest in the sunlight beyond the dawn,
O Thou who dwellest beyond the darkness of the world,
O Thou ever radiant, self-shining One,
O Thou who art the Reality of Realities,
O Thou who art the Eternal of Eternities,
In Thy light we find light."

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THE TRUE IDEA OF CHRIST

WHEN man has evolved beyond the possibility of having faith in the things which men think, he comes through the natural processes of his own thinking to demand a higher basic principle. Then delving deeply into the hidden recesses of his own perception, following eagerly, almost hungrily, the archives of the wisdom of the past, he must come some time to that spark of Divine Intelligence within himself where Truth is revealed and mystery becomes to him only the action of finer cosmic laws.

When this hour comes, he works his way out from the jungle of old super-

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stition where the race-thinking has flung him, and stands upright in a new world of realisation, which becomes more rational as his perception widens.

The tableland of illumined thinking is reached by some part of the race-consciousness in all generations. Old interpretations must always pass, and with them the things to which they gave birth. Truth itself must be found by those who seek after it.

We are now on one of these mountain peaks of revelation. The minds of this new age are widely awake to catch the first rays of a new illumination. Revelation is waiting to flood in on the world.

There is always room at the top, and these tablelands are not yet crowded; as soon as they become so, they will represent again the exoteric consciousness from which a new rise of mind will spring, and a new tableland of higher

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information will again send its rays through their darkness.

To-day, higher revelation speaks the truth regarding the Christ of the centuries, and it is displacing the old civilisation superstition, not by denying Him but by retranslating Him, through the full light of Christ-consciousness of this new age.

Christ was never a lamb of sacrifice, sent by His Father as a mediator between man and Himself, to redeem those who were lost and to die for those who would be saved. Christ is a consciousness in the race. Christ-consciousness in men is consciousness of ALL GOOD. It is the crest-mind reached through many civilisations, and when this consciousness has existed through a certain period of time, it embodies in form, and a Master Mind walks on the earth. It takes countless centuries to evolve intelligence high enough to see the whole cosmic plan.

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Every age has had its Christ since that long-gone day when man crawled on his belly on the ground, and was long of arm, dark of skin, and hairy of body; and each age will continue to have its Christ as long as this earth remains in its orbit of earthly evolution.

Two per cent. of holy thinking in any race will build the body of the Christ.

Some day this earth will have evolved to where every special point of human consciousness is self-realised. Then the earth itself will swing to another place in the firmament and be self-contained, taking its place in the great hierarchy of creation, inhabited by glorified self-evolving entities whose only memories of earth will be less than the butterfly retains of its hairy dwelling.

Christs have always come to the race whenever the hour struck in Cosmic evolution for their appearance. Every new world has its chain of Christs waiting

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to take on a body whenever the race-consciousness rises to where it can project the ray or vibration through which the body of the Christ can be built.

Whenever a new world comes forth it is superintended by the Masters of the Spheres; and Masters from stars, planets, Moon, and Sun are connected with it in order to direct and control its evolution.

This earth is a young world in the scheme of evolution. At its gathering together the great Hierarchy of Intelligence selected its Masters. This chain of Masters and Christs is much too numerous for human minds even to conjecture. All the wisdom of the future must be built from the wisdom of the past and the present. And the past tells us that Christs have come, that they have lived and died, and in thus living and dying have had the power to incarnate great ideas and ideals into the race-consciousness, which, after centuries, the race has

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caught and made a fundamental part of the mind of the planet ; and the present tells us that we are struggling to-day to manifest in form the great Cosmic ideals of the last Christ-Jesus.

A Christ is one who includes in his consciousness all the consciousness of the world into which he comes. It takes centuries to evolve race ideals high enough to be ready for the coming of the Christ, because it takes ages to evolve the minds of men. Some Christs have come more than six thousand years apart because of the slowness of the evolving minds of their day. The minds of men, bound and gagged by their faith in the thing which men think, fail to make their grade in truth, thus centuries pass before they are free from the things to which they built themselves into bondage. Spiritual slackers they were from the start, bound to delusions and self-indulgence, and their Masters could not speed them upward.

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"Ephraim wedded to his idols . . . let him alone."

Race-consciousness resists strenuously the efforts of the mystically enlightened to bring it forward, and often the enlightened themselves are forced to wait centuries for the spiritual slackers, who having eyes see not, and ears will not hear.

This was so well known in the early Chinese centuries that the Chinese "Vow" (in the Illuminati Order) holds the promise faithfully given, never to seek emancipation for individual life until the last one of the group soul has also gained spiritual freedom.

The Christs come to the earth when the hour strikes for their coming, and this hour is not struck by the Christs, but by the race itself. When the time is ripe, the Christs come into the body they project for themselves. They are not a "birth" on this planet, but are

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a form of "materialisation"; hence the old Masters say, "They are not born of water and of blood, but of the Spirit." Thus arises the story of the immaculate conception.

The Christs project their own bodies, conceiving them in the body of the one who, through inspired thinking, living, and spiritual perception, has lifted life to that peculiar vibration where the ray of Christ-consciousness can be received, and the body of the Christ can be built.

Mary, the mother of the last Christ, pure in thought, inspired in purpose, was the crest of Jewish consciousness at that time, and offered a fitting climax for the conception of the ray of the Christ-consciousness on earth.

The race-mind asks, "Why did the last Christ come to the Jewish race?" The Truth is plain. The Jews were for centuries the chosen of God, because, longer than any other race, they kept

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mystical Truth before the minds of the multitude. It took centuries of adulteration and amalgamation before the clear stream of "that which was in the beginning" was lost in "what men think." Even when Jesus was at the height of His ministry, and in spite of all the criticism of the Jews of that day, He said to the unbelievers and transgressors, "Ye worship ye know not what. We know what we worship, for salvation is of the Jews."

The last Christ came through the Jewish consciousness, because here was the only place where human revelation, human desires, and human aspiration met the universal life in contact clear enough to accomplish the higher ray of Truth on the earth.

He came through the body of an inspired girl, projected His own mental matrix, built His own body, inhabited it, and accomplished the work which was

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His to do. He stamped His message into the race-mind, and they caught and interpreted it according to their own understanding, and His death on the cross did the rest. The cross was His supreme method, and with His work finished He went back to His original home in the Sun; and the Novitiate and Initiate mind of the planet has worshipped blindly the embodiment of Christ consciousness in Jewish form, while it has hated vigorously the race that produced His body.

His reign was to cover a period of three thousand years. When one looks at the world-mind to-day and sees how many are yet bound by superstition and the faiths of the olden centuries, it is not hard to believe that it will take another thousand years before the message for which Christ died will beat its way into the darkened perception of the world-mind.

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The great question of the world-mind to-day is, "When will another Christ appear and help the race into higher understanding?" Revelation reads the records and answers, "In another thousand years." And this will not be too short a time for the great Novitiate race-mind to be gathered together into a unified point of attraction.

The next question follows naturally, "In what race will the next Christ be born?" Again the records read clearly, "The next Christ will come to that particular part of the race which rises in consciousness high enough to receive the ray and build the body of the Christ that is to be."

The race that includes and lives by the fundamental facts of the "Christ message," not by the idea of Christ Himself, not by the agony of the cross, nor the blood of atonement, nor the lamb of sacrifice, but the race which, finding

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the meaning of Christ's birth, His message, and His death, incorporates this so that life itself becomes this living ideal. In this race will the next Christ come forth in form, for here will appear the mountain peak of revelation. In the years that lie between the now and the next appearance of the true Christ it is not easy to know which race will keep the higher consciousness and make itself fit to be the recipient of the great Divine Favour. The Christs who come to this world are those who have taken on its construction in the beginning, and all the laws of substance are in their hands.

Jesus touched the ether with a thought and the waters turned to wine. He fed the multitude with loaves and fishes projected from invisible substance. He spoke to wind and waves as men would speak to men. He said, "Peace, be still," and the wind and the waves obeyed Him.

The "Christs" do not come to be

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"mediators" between God and man, but to call men away from the idols and false ideas men put between themselves and the Great Cosmic Spirit. The Christs always call the race-mind back to conscious union with its source.

Jesus the Christ said, "I and My Father are one." There was neither priest, prophet, king, nor Christ between Him and the Great Universal Intelligence. His constant affirmation of His union with the Cosmic Spirit (His Father) offended the priests and prophets of His day, who had false ideas, idol, king, and priest between them and their source. It was for this that they crucified Him—"That Thou, being a man, makest Thyself equal with God."

The whole story of the Christ on earth is first the Almightyness of God, and second the Almightyness of man through conscious union with his source.

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union Christ healed the sick, made the blind to see, and the lame to walk. He operated His daily life through the understanding of higher Cosmic laws, and He taught man that he could do the same. Before He went His way He said, "Greater things than these shall ye do." He knew that in that day when all race-consciousness would vibrate higher, every cosmic law would manifest for men, through men, and by men.

Christ came from His dwelling in the Sun, where He is one of the great Cosmic Hierarchy who have the whole processes of this world's evolution in their control. He was one of the "Gods" of this "planet." Passing to the earth through the vibration of Venus, He brought with Him the ray of love and stamped it into the world-consciousness.

Before He came, the race lived by law alone; but Christ brought a higher dispensation. The old injunction, "An

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eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth," was set aside, and in its place the gentle message of the Nazarene, "Resist not evil. Love your enemies. Pray for them that despitefully use you," fell like a benediction over the multitude.

With His story of love and non-resistance He put out all the great sacrificial fires. If God was love and life was law, then Love was the fulfilling of all laws, and His new Message made a new world to those who believed and followed Him.

Nearly two thousand years have passed, and the Christ ideal of love and non-resistance is just beginning to catch the mind of the race as a living reality. It is becoming the corner-stone of a new civilisation upon which the consciousness of the yet unborn will rear their temple.

As long as there is hate in the hearts of men there will be resistance, and as long as there is resistance there will be war, famine, disease, poverty, and destruc-

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tion. There will be hate and resistance until men learn the true ideals of God, of Christ, of life, and self, and come away from "what men think" about these things into the living law of Truth—one with the mystical throng and its mysteries.

There never was, is not now, and never can be anything between man and his source but the mind of man himself. There is one mind in God, and that mind is our mind now. The universal mind and our mind are related by just consciously knowing it; and then in inspired thinking the path begins. The great universal life and our life are one. The voice of the Infinite speaks directly into the human mind, and it speaks in the unwritten language of illumination, revelation, and prophecy. "The Spirit bears witness with our spirit that we are the sons of God."

Christ bore witness with His every breath to man's unceasing union with his

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Cosmic source, and at last He said, "It is expedient that I go away." He knew that the race-mind would hang on to His personality and lose the self-emancipating power of His message.

In the story of the Christ we have His own words about Himself, His work, and His message. Whenever we want to know anything about an individual, we do not go to his enemies for information, nor do we listen to "hearsay," but we go directly to the individual himself. So, leaving all the old interpretations of the priests and prophets, if we listen to His own story we can find the Truth. He said to Pilate, "Thou sayest that I am a King; to this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world, to bear witness to the Truth."

Nowhere in His history of Himself did He place Himself between the race and its source. Nowhere did He show Himself a lamb of sacrifice, but in all

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places a king of power so high that He brooked no contradiction. He said, "I bear witness of Myself, and My witness is true, for I know from whence I come and whither I go." Nowhere did He condemn. He came to fulfil all laws, not to destroy them.

He bore witness first to man's infinite union. He bore witness second to man's power in all things. He bore witness to the power of higher consciousness. He said, "I am the light of the world. He that followeth Me shall not walk in darkness." He bore witness to health and healing. He bore witness to abundance of supply, and man's immortal birthright to opulence. He declared that through faith man could ask whatever he would, and nothing would be impossible unto him.

From the hour He stood a boy in the temple, until He suffered under Pontius Pilate and dragged His own cross up the steps of Calvary, He was infinitely more

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than a patient lamb of sacrifice. He was the embodiment of a new world-consciousness, and the master of higher laws, which those who achieved could inherit; and through this the majesty and almightiness of the Christ-consciousness—the consciousness that knows all life as God, and all God as quivering spiritual life.

Christ left His home in glory to fulfil His trust to the new world, which could only climb through the revelation of the higher consciousness which He brought. Centuries have passed and centuries will pass, and the light of His revelation will gather and regather over the pathway of men.

In the old civilisation the cross and the Christ Himself stood as the symbols of higher progress. In this new age the Christ message is the guiding star on the pathway of men.

The Christs always have the same

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message to the race: "Believe, Come unto Me . . . repent and be saved." Repent by coming away from what men have thought, and be saved from the actions and reactions of the laws that these false ideas set in operation for men.

The new risen consciousness of to-day feels the limitation of the old Novitiate idea of Christ. It demands that it shall be allowed to save itself, and refuses to put the weight of its evolution, past, present, or future, on the shoulders of a sacrificed Christ. They do not ask for a Christ to die for them. They ask to know the true story of the processes of redemption. Men want direct action. They want to meet and take care of the consequences of their own desires.

They have seen the wisdom of taking the delusions of middlemen out from between them and everything in life. Even the industrial world has pushed the middleman off the field of industry.

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Men feel that they can meet bravely the consequences of their own actions, and whatever comes to them they prefer to balance directly as they pass.

The mediator Christ and the crucified lamb of sacrifice must pass away with the old civilisation, and the new idea of Christ-consciousness, the only Redeemer, bring comfort and peace to the soul of the new race.

Christ as the God of the planet takes away the silent self-condemnation of the centuries and clears the stain of murder from the book of evolution. It takes the burden of cruelties and injustice from the minds of the modern civilisation, the stain of guilt from their souls, and washes the blood from their hands. It sets them free from the weakness of spiritual dependency, and gives them spiritual supremacy through the necessity of being their own redeemers, redeemed through the message for which Christ died, and

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not through the agony of the Christ on the cross.

Men are now and always will be one with Christ in God—not one with God through Christ. Men have direct unification and direct inspiration, and they reach this over the same line with which the Christ reached His own glory.

The last prayer of the Christ has been fulfilled. It took centuries to fulfil it; but it has come at last, and Jesus saw this day when He knelt and prayed, "Father, may they be one with Thee even as We are one." Higher consciousness has taken the Christ down from His cross. The cross is broken; the tomb is empty. The Christ of God is truly risen, and God and man are one for evermore—Christ not alone in one man Jesus, but His consciousness risen in the hearts and minds of the new race—Christ in man, the hope of glory. "This is redemption"; this is the "Mystic's ecstasy"—absolute

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union with God (Spirit)—Spirit with Spirit can speak—God all-embracing—wondrous love; walking with glad comradeship with Christ and equal with Him in our immortal birthright. Standing with Christ outside the tomb of superstition and tradition, we can hear the voice of centuries speaking its eternal message: "I know whom ye seek, but He is not here—He is risen."

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THE TRUE IDEA OF MAN AND LIFE

WHEN the minds of men evolved to where higher reason was enthroned and they began to realise the truth that God is Cosmic Spirit and Life is Cosmic Law, they found a new idea of themselves, and in finding their new self they found the new corner-stone of a new race-consciousness, with larger ideals for human action.

When man in his own risen thinking found himself, he found that he was not a part of God, nor a ray of God, nor a creation by God, nor an expression of God, nor even a spark of that indestructible spirit; but that he himself was in

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reality that indestructible substance called God, and deathless as the universe.

He found that he began when Life began; that he has always been, is now, and will always be, a conscious entity in the bosom of the Infinite Life; that he is not flesh but light, and that at his own indestructible centre there burns the flame of the universal galaxy.

Finding this, he comes into a new revelation of Truth, and walks boldly forth upon his pathway, declaring his own almightiness.

Man found that he is a localised point of intelligence in the Great Cosmic Spirit; that he is an individualised God on his own self-created pathway. No one gives to him but himself; no one takes away from him but himself. He is creation, emanation, and evolution in action; not a special creation of a special Creator. His life and the universal Life are one. He is a deathless soul on an endless

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journey, and Life is always from beginning to beginning again, and on the path of Life everything brings forth of its own kind.

Life revealed shows that human life is not a sentence nor a judgment, but simply a means to an end, and that end God-consciousness, or consciousness of all Spirit. The cause of Life is not, as has been stated, the sin of separateness, but rather that which crowds to conscious unfoldment, each power and passion of the soul; that desire within the soul itself for more and more life. The purpose of creation is "creation," and Life itself destroys through its desire to create again.

Human life is for creation, expression, experience, and inclusion; the biggest life is the one that includes the most. The most perfect life is the one which expresses constructively for itself and others the things it includes.

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Man is a creator, a receiver, an unfold, and a distributor. The instruments with which he creates are his own thoughts. The Cosmic Spirit is waiting to be acted upon. Man is the actor. Whatever he has or has not is a world-picture of his own imaginations. Cosmic Spirit through Cosmic law will unerringly hand him his own creations, and when he has finished there is no one to blame but himself if he does not like his finished productions. It is written, "Everything brought forth of its own kind, whose seed is in itself upon the earth." His thought-seeds are in his own mind, and he brings forth of his own kind, and with what measure he metes, he finds it is meted to him again. Human life is a Cosmic adventure, and every experience on man's pathway is an initiation which he brings to himself through the law of attraction set in operation by his own desire.

Man takes a perfect season in all

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earthly experiences, and when he knows Truth, he finds that he can stay in deadly dullness, in old adventures, or he can work his way through them in joy and in higher wisdom. He becomes truly the reaper of the things he sows; but through higher understanding he is on a personally conducted tour throughout eternity—his speed and his route are in his own hands. Through higher understanding he can ensure a quick harvest. He is a creator, and he created his situation with his desire. He is a receiver, because he is a magnet, attracting to himself through Cosmic law everything that he requires; he is a distributor, simply because when he has had enough of anything he can quit. He can only hold the things through their own law and desire. His point of attraction and the things he wants must be equal. He lets go of the old and comes on to the new through establishing a new point of

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contact; a new horizon brings a newer splendour. The one who remains through a whole earth-life in one situation is a spiritual slacker. Life is from beginning to beginning again, and as man created himself at his old point of expression, he can re-create himself through the new Cosmic law of conscious control and direction.

Man, instead of being a worm of the dust, is the centre of his own universe and heir to all that the big universe contains; and he has gone far enough in higher conclusions to know "that the world was made for his own, from the farthest blow of the ice and snow to the warmth of his own hearthstone; that the fever that frets in his veins is the pulse and the life of the race, and the gain of his farthest domain is bred in the flame of his face."

Turning back from the things of his outer world and the old revelations which

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so long had disappointed him, he sought the silences of his own mind, and there, in meditation and reflection, his mind became a wireless machine which registered the flashlight mystical revelations of the true Master mind of all the centuries.

The old-world revelators had said to him, "Go back to your source," and he obeyed until, above the delusion of his source as a Creator and personal God, he became heir to the age's gain and found that this source was not in this far-off God, but that the true source of all moving life was in the silent side of his own mind, linked consciously with the Absolute Mind or the Great Cosmic Spirit of the universe.

The voice of Truth said ages ago, "As a man thinketh in his heart so is he." Sitting as a solar god in the centre of his own solar system, surrounded with thinking substance, and that substance Cosmic

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Spirit or Infinite Mind, and his mind one with that Mind, he finds that he can fashion for himself a new world and say, "Let there be light" over his own creations.

He finds that the purpose of life is for creation, expression, experience, and inclusion, and that the way of life is joy, through love and service. He finds that the true growth of the soul is painless, and through the power of his own illumined consciousness he can set about producing for himself and others a better world.

He finds that thoughts are things, and that God works "for" him through him, and "through" him for him, and that his mind is the storehouse where all human power is generated, and thus he brings forth a new individualisation.

As an individualised God on his own self-created pathway, bringing forth of his own kind, he learns to know his

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kind before he moves in creation in the Cosmic Spirit. He knows that he answers only to the law of his own desires. The place to put the blame or praise for everything is upon himself. At last he has a God he cannot offend. He ceases to put his burdens on a God who never gave them to him, and he ceases his supplication to a Christ who had finished His work when He put into the world the idea of man's self-redemption through his own risen thinking, speaking, and being.

In his mystical revelation he sees that the universe has not given us a spirit of fear but of love, power, and a sound mind; and with a sound mind filled with a new way of thinking, he comes to a new way of speaking, acting, and being, and stands out upon his pathway clothed with a new power of almightiness, and this bigness leads him into a new world of freedom from disease, poverty, unhappiness, and limitations. He sees that

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these all emerge from his own mind, and he has changed his mind.

The plus man of the new age has health, wealth, love, and usefulness, because he builds it out of the substance of his own being. He has faith, infinitely more faith than when he followed the "will-o'-the-wisp" of the old superstitions, because his faith is built of the substance of that which really IS. One with God as Cosmic Spirit and life as Cosmic law, he finds the things which his own realisation fashioned.

He lives, moves, and has his being in Cosmic Spirit without offence, for he knows that with what measure he metes it will be meted unto him; that only the Law can give and only the Law can take away; that he is not answerable to God or to man for any impulse of his soul, but when the Law cometh it will speak to him, and when it questioneth he will have to answer. "God the Law is

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not mocked. What a man soweth, that also shall he reap." And on the path of life like attracts like.

One-tenth of the law of love, service, and truth, or rightness, will not pass him in his grade, neither will prayer by priests nor supplications by men set aside the law of the things he has set for himself. Just one hundred per cent. of Truth of all things and through all things will set him free. "Only Truth can hold Truth."

As man learns more and more of the true idea of man and life, the true Christ spirit of love, understanding, and non-resistance fills his heart. He thinks more and more the perfect thought, speaks the perfect language, and lives in a perfect universe. He grows into the consciousness of the leisure of Infinity. He knows that what he builds into time he will take with him into eternity. He has time for outer and inner reflection.

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He looks back over his long Cosmic journey and forward to the infinite reaches of Cosmic life, in which the cradle with its endless births and the grave with its silence are but incidents.

The old lies and delusions have been rooted up, and in their place have come what before seemed only mystical dreams, but now living ideals which fill the seeking mind of the multitude and become strong fundamentals of Truth through which every human being who accepts them can come into Cosmic realisation.

God is Cosmic Spirit; Life is Cosmic Law. Man is an individualised God on his own self-created pathway. All human life is a means to an end, and that end, God-consciousness or consciousness of All; Christ the higher consciousness of the race which calls the thoughts back from the idols of its own making into conscious union with Cosmic Spirit Itself.

"Christ-consciousness" in the multi-

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tude is shown by those who live in service, non-resistance, and worship. The highest worship of God is the highest service to man.

One mind in God, and that mind man's mind now and for evermore. Man a creator, a receiver, an unfold, and a distributor; his thoughts the instruments with which he creates, always bringing forth of his own kind; the Cosmic Spirit waiting to be acted upon—man the actor. No one gives to him; no one takes away from him but himself. He sees in his body, his environment, and his associations in human life the tragedy or the glory of his own imagination.

Health, wealth, love, and usefulness are man's immortal birthright; the gifts to him from Cosmic Spirit when he lives one hundred per cent. of his true consciousness in harmony with Cosmic law.

He has come out upon the tableland of Divine revelation; he knows, and knows

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that he knows, and standing here he is like a tree planted by the river of Life, bearing twelve manner of fruit, whose leaves are for the healing of the nations.

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WHAT, then, do the Mystic and his mysteries do for the good of the race? They teach all those who can understand how to come out of the curse of tradition and superstition, and the human limitations brought by these things. They give new freedom to humanity.

To live in the power and majesty derived from the wisdom of transcendentalism is to possess here and now the peace, joy, and prosperity which is man's birth-right from the beginning.

Through higher wisdom men can share with the Infinite its great bounty and fulness. They become coequal with the best that the world can give, and can

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walk in glad comradeship with the Spirit of all, not in coercion, not in supplication, but in majesty and power.

Knowing this source and its eternal destiny, men can go gladly along the highway of their highest endeavour, into ever-widening reaches of spiritual life.

Separated firmly from delusions, they grow naturally, constructively, and joyously into unquestionable freedom of thought, speech, and action. Free from the baffling doubts and fears of tradition, they develop states of natural consciousness within themselves in which they feel and sense eternal Truths.

The light then shines through them to heal, bless, strengthen, prosper, and comfort the world. One with Cosmic Spirit, their own quickened spirit sends its harmony through every avenue of humanity.

They know from whence they come and whither they go, and walk through

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life in a chosen destiny, knowing that God works for them through their own risen mind, and they know that as the Celestial highway of perfect attainment is open for them, it is also open for the whole human race.

The secrets of Creation and the Creator are all solved, because they have swept the earthly horizon with their minds of light, and seen through every seeming abyss into the Unknowable.

The Mystic's answer to creation creeps through every avenue of human thinking; everywhere Cosmic Law is found balancing the scales of eternal action. With Truth, all that has seemed impossible becomes simple. Living the human life is a magical science, man himself the Great Magician.

With this fourfold extension of consciousness men take all of themselves along through every hour and day of living. They know that the power of the

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body is in the things of the body, and they secure these in complete harmonious satisfaction. They know that the power of the mind is in the things of the mind, and they give themselves the rapture of a perfect mental embrace with the mind's desires. They know that the power of the soul is in the things of the emotions, and in fine selection they soften every hard experience on the way. They know that Spirit with Spirit can speak, and in the twilight pause which comes from strife they immerse themselves in the "Great Light." They know no life but that of the Infinite ALL. Inflated with the inflowing essence of the universal life, they know in this subtle contact an inspired surrender, and the rapture of the Mystic's ecstasy of complete unification.

All these things began when Life began. They never end, because they are the fruition of self-realisation. Awakening to himself, man remakes his own environ-

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ment. He displaces disease, poverty, and woe with health, happiness, and prosperity, and accomplishes this not as a conqueror or as a supplicant, but wins his way to the very heart of his uttermost desires.

The true Mystic does not turn away from the world; he turns yet more closely toward it—he does not love less, he loves more; for his life is one with all law, and he knows that love is the fulfilling of all laws, human and divine.

The true Mystic is found wherever humanity is found. On the hardest rack his tenderness shows a new privilege; at the bedside of the dying his voice is the last to speak the words of an unending destiny; wherever and whenever men stagger under hopeless self-made weights of woe and tragedy, his back is offered for the burden. He can say, through highest wisdom, "Take my yoke upon you and learn of me, for my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

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Not alone in hidden cloisters, nor in the silent places of the sea, nor in far mountains does he fix his abode. His presence lends a lustre undimmed by human error. His wisdom is the light that shines in the darkness until the dull eyes of ignorance can see it and comprehend.

The end and aim of all Mystics is to build a true humanity, so that the real Kingdom of God can come on earth as it is in Heaven. Urged on by the brilliancy of the Cosmic Vision, they stand over the upturned faces of the multitude, ready to give their lives for the world.