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The Central Region of the Desire World

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Q. Where is Purgatory located in the Desire World?

A. Purgatory occupies the three lower Regions of the Desire World.

Q. What do we find in the fourth Region?

A. The central, or fourth, Region is a sort of borderland — neither heaven nor hell.

Q. What kind of people are there?

A. In this Region we find people who are honest and upright; who wronged no one but were deeply immersed in business and thought nothing of the higher life.

Q. What do they do there?

A. For them the Desire World is a state of the most indescribable monotony. There is no "business" in that world nor is there, for a man of that kind, anything that will take its place. He has a very hard time until he learns to think of higher things than ledgers and drafts.

Q. What other types are in that Region?

A. The people who thought of the problem of life and death and came to the conclusion that "death ends it all," who denied the existence of things outside the material sense world — these people also feel this dreadful monotony.

Q. What had they expected?

A. They had expected annihilation of consciousness, but instead of that they find themselves with an augmented perception of persons and things about them.

Q. What is often their reaction to this state?

A. They had been accustomed to denying these things so vehemently that they often fancy the Desire World an hallucination, and may frequently be heard exclaiming in the deepest despair, "When will it all end? When will it end?"

Q. Is such a state really bad?

A. Such people are really in a pitiable state. They are generally beyond the reach of any help whatever and suffer much longer than almost anyone else.

Q. Do they suffer other losses?

A. Yes. In addition they have scarcely any life in the heaven world, where the building of bodies for future use is taught, and so they put all their crystallizing thoughts into whatever body they build for a future life; thus a body is built that has the hardening tendencies we see, for instance, in consumption.

Q. Does this result in good?

A. Sometimes the suffering incident to much decrepit bodies will turn the thoughts of the Egos ensouling them to God and their evolution can proceed.

Q. In which type lies the greatest danger?

A. In the materialistic mind lies the greatest danger of losing touch with the Spirit and becoming an outcast. Therefore, the Elder Brothers have been very seriously concerned for the last century regarding the fate of the Western World, and were it not for their special beneficent action in its behalf we would have had a

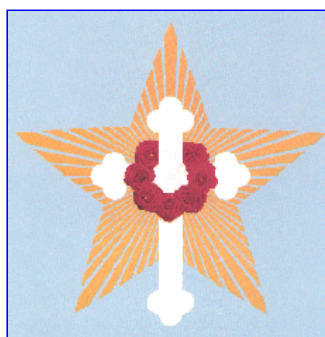
social cataclysm compared with which the French Revolution would have been child's play.

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