

## *The Power of the Word*

**E**MIL LUDWIG says of Napoleon: "Half of what he accomplished was achieved by the power of words." Napoleon knew the simple art of saying the right thing, of using the power of the word.

Words and magic were once more or less identical, and even today words retain much of their magical power. Words can cure, as in psychoanalytic treatments where nothing happens but an exchange of words between patient and physician. "He sent forth his word and healed them."

Each race and nation receives its immediate divine guidance from an archangelic Race Spirit. This is still the chief source of inner guidance in the life of nearly all the races and nations of the earth, the only exception being the pioneering people of the United States. This Race Spirit broods over its people like a psychic cloud, impregnating them with the consciousness of the goals they are intended to collectively serve, and controlling them by means of the breath and the power of the spoken word. Language and music are the media by which we come into touch with the Race Spirit of a people.

The Word is the divine means by which God creates, and wise men, following in the footsteps of God, use the same means, words, to bring into manifestation what God has already created. Spiritual magicians can decree a thing and it will manifest unto them. "Thou shalt also decree a thing, and it shall be established unto thee: and the light shall shine upon thy ways." (Job 22:28)

We are continually speaking words, but not always aloud, for there are silent or mental words



From an early 12th century missal, Bibliothèque Municipale, Cambrai, France

### *The Holy Spirit*

*Shown as a dove proceeding out of the mouths of the Father and the Son, the Holy Spirit both inspired the Scriptures and inspires their interpretation. The Trinity, haloed in a mandorla, is surrounded by the iconic glyphs of the four Gospels.*

as well as audible. These words are forming and reforming and deforming all the conditions and circumstances in and around us. If our silent or audible words dwell upon evil, then evil conditions show forth; if upon good, then, good manifests. "But I say unto you, that every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give an account thereof...for by thy words thou shalt be justified [established in good], and by thy words thou shalt be condemned" [continue in ignorance and misery].

If you say, "I will fear no evil, for thou art with

me,” when faced by danger; or “I love you,” before the hater and persecutor; or “The child of God knows no failure or discouragement,” you will be established in fearlessness, in omnipotent love, in success, in the measure that you realize the truth of the words you utter.

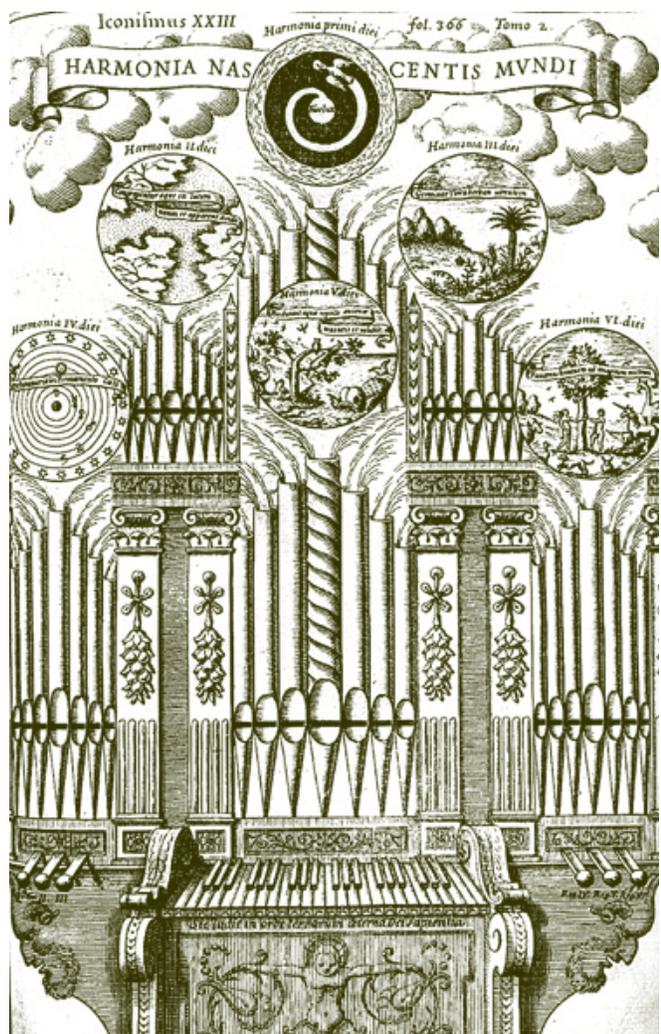
The coming age will witness a remarkable development in the powers of the speech center. The centers located in the head, the heart, and the throat constitute the highest trinity of spiritual powers in man. When they become harmoniously active, they are a protection against the destruction wrought by those unaware of the tremendous power of the psychic forces in-forming murderous thoughts and malicious words.

Nothing comes forth without the Word. “All things were made by him [the Word]; and without him was not anything made that was made.” (John 1:3). Words are the expression of mind. Words are thoughts made visible, and thought has creative power. In the coming better age all men shall work after the manner of Christ, who did all things by the Word—healing the sick, raising the dead, stilling the storm, feeding the multitudes.

Some animals, as the starling, raven, parrot, are able, because of the possession of a vertical larynx, to utter words, but they cannot use them understandingly. The use of words to express thought is the highest human privilege, and can be exercised only by a reasoning, thinking entity like man.

Man can change his conditions by changing his words, which means changing his understanding and his thoughts. Any man who does not know the power of the word knows neither Scripture nor his own divine potential. “Death and life are in the power of the tongue.” (Proverbs 18:21) We know now that words and thought carry a tremendous vibratory force, ever molding man’s body and destiny. Owing to the vibratory power of words, whatever we voice we begin to attract. People who continually speak of disease often attract it. If you would win the other person to your way of thinking, remember, clothe your appeal in invisible language.

Origen, a most wise man and versed in occult lore, teaches that the Scriptures are threefold, consisting of body, soul and spirit. He declares that the body of the Scriptures is made up of the outer



From *Murgia universalis*, Rome, 1650, Universitätsbibliothek Heidelberg

A. Kircher developed the idea of God as an organ builder and organist, and compared the six-day labor of creation with the six registers of a cosmic organ. The first creative Word, “spoken” as a spiritual vibration from the world of archetypal thought, is the *Fiat Lux*, shown as the work of the Holy Spirit.

words used in its histories and stories, and he does not hesitate to say that often these are literally not true, but only symbolical. He says that so long as men are ignorant, the body of the Scriptures is enough for them: it conveys teaching, it gives instruction, and they do not see the self-contradictions involved in the literal statements and therefore are not disturbed by them. As the mind grows, as the intellect develops, these contradictions strike the attention and bewilder the student; then he is stirred to seek a deeper meaning, and he begins to find the soul of the Scriptures. The soul is the reward of the intelligent seeker, and he escapes from the bonds of the letter that killeth. The spirit

of the Scriptures may only be seen by the spiritually enlightened man; only those in whom the Spirit is unfolded can understand the spiritual meaning.

The power center in the throat controls most of the vibratory energies of the human organism. It is the open door between the formless and the formed world of vibration brought into being by sound. Every word that goes forth receives its specific character from the Spirit. When Jesus said, "The words that I have spoken unto you are spirit, and are life," He meant that through the spoken word He conveyed an inner spiritual quickening power that would enter the mind of the recipient and awaken it to life. When the voice has united with the life of the soul, it takes on a sweetness and depth that one feels and remembers.

We know that every word that man utters makes an imprint upon the ethers, and that when there is consciousness of God's life in the mind of the speaker, all his words become living entities and are perpetuated. If you and I develop enough spiritual power we can open the Book of Life within the Cosmic Mind and read from its pages. Learn to depend upon your own power of knowing Truth and interpreting life. "Stand upright on thy feet." He who turns to the secret place in his own nature for all knowledge will walk with God and not be lame or halt in his mental progress.

One of the forms of "speaking the Word" is prayer. Prayer is a most important means of making connection with universal Spirit. A law of communion is fulfilled by right prayer, as exact as the one governing the transmission of electric force, or the centralizing of energy through any mechanical device. In order that prayer may be realized it must be backed by belief, as Christ said: "What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them." (Mark 11:24)

The easiest way to bring the body under subjection to Spirit is to put a guard upon the lips, that no word be other than positive, peaceful, harmless, and purged in loving thought. "I will take heed to my ways, that I sin not with my tongue: I will keep my mouth with a bridle, while the wicked is before me" (Psalm 39:1).

Our spoken words are the result of our silent

words, or thoughts. Therefore our thoughts must be watched continuously. Do not criticize in secret, and cease from mentally finding fault with another. Put away all sarcasm from your speech. Never complain. Do not prophesy evil; the Greeks called that blasphemy or "speaking injury" to another, and they avoided a grumbler or one who foretold misfortune because they believed he brought them bad luck.

Very intellectual people frequently fail to connect with the substance, life and love centers in the body, and their words, although brilliant, lack what we term soul. The thought creations of this type rarely live long. But where the thought form and soul are evenly balanced, the projected idea endures indefinitely.

We should hardly expect to converse with a friend on the understanding that he was to do all the listening and we all the talking. If that is true of any ordinary friend, it is supremely true of God. If we are to meet daily with Him and grow to know Him better, we must not only speak, we must listen. For surely God's plans for us are far more important than our plans for Him. Listening is at least half of prayer, and the harder half, for it demands time and practice and patience. It does not look for sudden, vivid calls that we can literally hear. It means to shut out all noise and distraction, to relax and be still in the presence of God, to let His nearness fill our minds and color our thoughts. In the quiet of these moments God can help us to see things as He sees them. Truly, He will then share with us His calmness and peace, and if we will let Him have His way with us, He can slowly make His will our will; and that, dear friends, is the final aim of all true prayer.

Prayer, utilizing the power of the Word, puts us into the proper orbit of our lives and steadies us in our movement through that orbit. In prayer we are dealing with a law and force of the spiritual realm. Rightly conceived and used, prayer gives us the "long sight" on life and a good sense of values. It becomes not the means by which we harness God to the temporary cause, but ourselves to the eternal plan. "More things are wrought by prayer than this world dreams of." □

—Wesley D. Jamieson