

FROM MAX HEINDEL'S WRITINGS

The Planetary Spirit



of the Earth

THE LAW OF ANALOGY holds good everywhere. It is the master key to all mysteries, and what applies to the microcosmic man also applies to the Macrocosmic God or the Divine Power. The animals are guided now by Spirits from without. At a later period they will become indwelling Spirits, and learn to guide their vehicles without assistance from other sources. Similarly it was with the Earth, as stated in the *Cosmo-Conception* and various other parts of our literature.

Up to 2,000 years ago, Jehovah had charge and guided the Earth from without, as the animals are guided by the Group Spirits. Thus, the Earth was held in its orbit by His power, and He was up to that time the Supreme God, but at the change made on Golgotha the Christ Spirit drew into our Earth in order that He might aid us to evolve faculties which Jehovah could not give us.

Jehovah gave us laws which hold us in check, but the Christ gives us Love. One is the restraining force, applied from without; the other is an impelling energy applied from within. Thus the Christ is now guiding the Earth in its orbit from within and will continue until we have learned to vibrate to that great attribute, Love, whereby we shall be able to supply the power to our own planet and thus guide it in its orbit from within.

Christ is the highest Initiate of the Sun Period and, as such, has His dwelling place in the Sun. He is the Sustainer and Preserver of the whole solar system. In one sense it is right to speak of That which dwells within our Earth as a Ray, yet this

does not convey the exact idea of what is the case. Perhaps we can get at the matter by an illustration. Let us liken the great Spirit in the Sun to a refiner of metal.

He has upon His furnace a number of crucibles and is watching them all. Heat is melting these metals and throwing the dross to the top. The refiner gradually is skimming the crucibles, until at last the metal is absolutely beautiful and clear and He can see His face in each.

Similarly we may see that Christ turns His attention from one planet to another, and as He turns Himself to our Earth, for instance, His image is reflected in the Earth, but it is not a dead image. It is a living, feeling, sentient being, so full of life and feeling that we ourselves in our present dead state, dwelling in these bodies of Earth, can have no idea of that faculty of feeling possessed by the indwelling Spirit of the Earth.

Thus, for a time, His energy is imparted to the picture as a focus, and while really being in the Sun, the Cosmic Christ feels everything that is going on in the Earth as if He actually were here present. That picture within, which, it must be understood, is not a picture in the ordinary sense of the word, is a counterpart, a part, of the Solar Christ. Through it He knows and feels and senses everything upon Earth as if He were actually present.

This is something that should be very thoroughly understood. That is really what is meant by omnipresence, so that while the Christ is the indwelling Spirit of the Sun, He also is the indwelling Spirit of the Earth, and must continue

to hold this office of helpfulness for us, feeling everything, enduring everything that goes or would go with an actual presence, for our sakes.

Let us now consider for a moment what that which we call the Earth really is—that is to say, its origin. The solidification commenced in the Sun Period, when we were unable to vibrate at the high rate demanded to remain there. Thus we gradually worked ourselves out of the Sun and were projected into space.

The rate of vibration gradually was lowered until the middle of the Atlantean Epoch, and thus the Earth crystallized into a mass of stone, we might say. Thus, we ourselves made the Earth what it was, and if no help had been given we should have been unable to extricate ourselves from the meshes of matter.

Jehovah from without endeavored to help us by laws. To know the law and to follow it would, in time, aid us, provided we had the requisite strength, but no man is justified by the law, and by the law all Spirits must become further enmeshed. Therefore a new impulse had to be given, which should inscribe the law into men's hearts, for there is a great difference between what we do because we must for fear of an outside master who metes out a just retribution for every offense, and the inner urge which impels us to do right because it is right so to do. We recognize what is right when the law is inscribed in our hearts, and then we obey its dictates unquestioningly, even though it may cause our whole being to vibrate in pain.

Thus we, collectively, are the Spirits of the Earth. We must some day guide the vehicle we have created. Jehovah guided it for us from without by means of laws, but as this was not sufficient to bring us to the point of individualization where we shall be able to take care of ourselves, Christ came in as a Savior and is helping us until the time comes that we shall have evolved a Love nature within ourselves which is sufficient to float the Earth. So there have been no other Spirits in the Earth. The Christ is here only temporarily to



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The Mysterium Magnum

While Moses was the representative of the authoritarian aspect of God (Jehovah) for Israel, Christ Jesus was the incarnation of divine love for humanity as a whole, becoming Earth's indwelling Spirit. The trumpet-blowing angel of the end of time unveils the transfigured face of Moses.

help us, and in time it will be our privilege to take up the task for ourselves and guide our planet as we want and as we should. The increased vibratory force already has made the Earth much less dense—much lighter—and in time it will become ethereal again as it once was. It will cease to be dead in sin. It will become alive in Love.

The spiritual fires in the Earth are brightest at this time of the year; now is the best opportunity for soul growth, for investigation and study of the deeper mysteries of life. Therefore it behooves us to use this present time to the very best advantage, patiently and prayerfully, knowing that among all other things in the world which change, this great wave of spiritual light will be with us in the winter season for ages to come. It will grow more and more brilliant as the Earth and ourselves evolve to higher degrees of spirituality.

This season of the year is the most propitious time to give and receive, so let us be sure to let our light shine on the great cosmic Christmas Tree, that it may be seen of men and attract them to the truths we know to be of such vital importance in the development of our fellow men. □