

The Mystic Light

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Our motto is: A SANE MIND, A SOFT HEART, A SOUND BODY.

Man From the Ages Emerging

BY E. GUY TALBOTT

Man from the ages emerging,
Approaches the goal of his being;
Conscious at length of his kinship
With God and the creatures around him.

Up from abysses of shadows,
Into the dawn of the morning,

Man has emerged from a cavern
To dwell in a palace hereafter.

Gone are the shackles that bound him;
Gone are the mists that befogged him;
Yet is man only a fledgling,
Needing a Father to guide him.

Easter and the Bible

BY CORINNE S. DUNKLEE

EASTER is the season of rejoicing, the time of universal gladness, when all nature is appareled in her new garment of shimmering green, trimmed with myriads of blossoms that in both beauty and perfume give forth the glad tidings that "He is risen." From the throat of every woodland chorister comes the ecstasy of a resurrection hymn.

Man also shares in this flood tide of gladness. At the celebration of the Passover which the Jews were admonished to observe and which occurs at the Easter season or spring equinox, man rejoices with nature in the liberation of the Christ life.

We are every one Christs-in-the-making, and our lives must become in a small

way a replica of Christ's life. In what way must we begin to imitate him? Max Heindel tells us that the mind is the path; therefore the beginning of the resurrection within our own lives must be through the power of thought—the beginnings of a new mind. The great Master knew this truth and gave it to His disciples and to the multitudes gathered around Him. He likened the attainment of the kingdom (within) to the planting of a seed in the ground. As the seed lies imbedded in the darkness, hidden away from the sun for a time, apparently inert, so it is when we begin to live the spiritual life. For a time it may seem that no progress is being made. The aspirant is beset with trials and temptations and enveloped in darkness, and he knows not how it is possible that the seed should spring up.

Jacob Boehme describes this place on the path so aptly for us that his description finds an echo in the heart of everyone who has passed this way. He says: "It is not so easy a matter to become a child of God as men imagine To *turn the mind and destroy self* there is a strong and continued earnestness requisite, and such a stout and steady purpose that if the body and soul should part asunder by it, yet the will would persevere constantly and not enter again into the self. A man must wrestle until the dark center that is shut up close breaks open, and the spark lying therein kindles, and from thence immediately the noble lily branch sprouteth—as from the divine grain of mustard seed as Christ saith. A man must pray earnestly, with great humility, and for awhile become a fool in his own reason and see himself void of understanding therein until Christ be formed in this new incarnation."

If we possess ourselves of this strong and continued earnestness of purpose we may rest assured that we shall come to know the truth of the Master's words: "The earth bringeth forth fruit of herself, first the blade, then the ear, after that the full corn in the ear."

The power of the Christ life that is

within the seed causes it to push its way up through the darkness until at last the tender, green blade breaks through the earth to find the sunlight. The power of the mind that is being renewed may be likened to the blade in that it is but a small beginning, and shows but little promise of its future wondrous attainment. As we grow in Christ power, there comes the ear, or the fruit. "By their fruits ye shall know them," said the Master. And finally comes the full corn in the ear, or the wondrous fulfillment of the Christed mind—the powers of Initiation—producing a man whose light shineth, as Jacob Boehme puts it.

Again, we may liken the seed planted in the ground to the student who is just beginning a study of esoteric Christianity, the green blade to the probationer who has begun to demonstrate power through good works, the ear to the disciple who has progressed even further upon the Path, and the full corn in the ear to that supreme goal of attainment for us all—the Initiate!

The Master likens the kingdom to a grain of mustard seed which when sown in the earth is less than all the seed that be in the earth. Here He is telling us that the gateway to the kingdom of the new consciousness, the kingdom of heaven within, is *humility*.

Again, Jacob Boehme, that disciple of true humility, tells us from his own experience: "When the outward reason (concrete mind) triumpheth in the light, saying, 'I have the true child,' then the will of the desire must bow itself down to the earth and bring itself in the deepest humility and say, 'Thou art foolish and hast nothing but the grace of God.' Thou must wrap thyself up in that belief with great humility and become nothing at all in thyself, and neither know nor love thyself. All that thou hast, or is in thee, must esteem itself as nothing but a mere instrument of God." This is the lesson the Garden of Gethsemane holds for each neophyte. It is only as he learns to forget self and so becomes a fit instrument through which the Christ

power may work that he may be lifted to know the joys of the resurrection.

Christ Jesus said: "But when it is sown, it groweth up and beareth greater than all herbs and shooteth out great branches so that the fowls of the air may lodge under the shadow of it." And many such parables spake He unto the people as they were able to bear them, that is to understand His meaning, but when He and His disciples were alone He

explained all things to them. In other words He gave to His disciples the deeply esoteric meaning of His sayings which the multitude could not bear nor understand.

The further we progress upon His Way the more illuminating His words become and the better we are able to understand His mystic message and to realize that the Bible is indeed the Book of Books!

A Soul's Journey Around a Life Cycle

BY AMY C. KURT

HIGH IN the ethereal realms in the Region of Abstract Thought, the Third Heaven, laving in that reservoir of pure spirit where it gained strength, a soul awakened to a desire for more experience, for another pilgrimage through matter in this dense material world, in order that it might gain more soul growth and further its progress on the endless path of evolution.

Since it was ready to take this dip into matter the Recording Angels showed it pictures of the life it was to live on earth and lovingly bade it good-bye, wishing it Godspeed on this important journey.

It was an old soul. Long had it journeyed on the path that reaches from heaven to heaven and from earth life to earth life, and consequently it had gained much experience in the past; but there was still much to learn and many old debts to be paid.

It is utterly impossible for any ego to pay all its debts of destiny in one lifetime; some of them, however, must be paid during each pilgrimage on earth. This is easily understood when we consider the many acquaintances, relationships, and obligations acquired during each lifetime. But sooner or later all scores must be evened up, all debts must be paid, yes, even to the last iota! Love must eventually bring all into harmony although this may take centuries upon

centuries, ages upon ages, lives upon lives.

But we will leave this phase of destiny and follow the awakened soul or spirit previously mentioned as it slowly descends through the invisible worlds to the world of dense matter to be born as a little child on earth. The very desire for experience and soul growth gives the spirit the weight to descend to the next lower region, that of Concrete Thought. This spirit is absolutely pure, naked as it were, clothed only in the forces of the four seed atoms, which contain the essence of good of all its previous lives minus the evil; it carries only latent tendencies of evil with it.

As it descends from the Region of Abstract Thought and passes through the highest subdivision of the Region of Concrete Thought, we see this spirit draw to itself mind stuff, which assumes the form of a great bell with the seed atom of the mind at the top. The seed atom contains within itself the forces of the former minds of the ego which it possessed during its previous incarnations.

We would expect to see this spirit gather to itself only the finest and strongest of intellectual and spiritual forces from this region. It can, however, attract only that quality and quantity of mind stuff the use of which it has earned