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This Being Our Monthly Letter & Chat for December 2020

Wishing You All a Merry, Merry Christmas and Happy Holiday,

Well 2020 is coming to a close – many of you might be glad to see it go. There certainly are many reasons starting with the Worldwide pandemic, political and social unrest, global warming and environmental concerns. However, for many there have also been accomplishments and many good things have come to pass.

I personally moved into a new apartment at the end of March, and into a smaller office as of October only a mile or so away from the previous office I'd occupied for four years. I was able to let go of some of the equipment which is no longer necessary now that the vast majority of our lessons and chats are being sent out via email. Thanks to Zoom my Hypnosis practice has expanded; funerals and memorials were non existent for most of the year. Most planned weddings were re booked for 2021; however these were mostly replaced by very small weddings.

In other good news — the *Age of Aquarius* has arrived with Jupiter and Saturn having just entered the sign of Aquarius on the 18th and 20th of December. As a result of the two planets being so close together we will see in the sky what is being referred to as the *Christmas Star* on the Solstice December 21st. The Christmas story found in the Bible tells of the Three Wise men following the Star to Bethlehem to find the Christ Child. Historians tells us that was the same two planets which are visible every 800 or so years. Astrologers tell us that we are on the cusp of a new era being born. I for one am happy about that and glad to be here to help usher it in and get established.

I believe you will find Doctor's Chat Letter for this month of interest. I know I was impressed once more by the words of Edwin Markham poem, "The Man With The Hoe."

Much, much thanks to all who have already sent us Holiday Gifts and Greetings, as always they are greatly appreciated. And, again to you and your loved ones, may you stay healthy happy and well in all ways.

My love and best wishes for a Healthy & Prosperous New Year,

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My beloved Chela:

How pleasant to have you here with me now! Won't you come in and relax in this easy-chair, the while we chat? I look forward to these all-too-short-visits each month and thank you for allowing me this happiness.

A large number of the letters which come to me contain questions regarding the philosophy of life and being, conditions in the earth today, the ancient prophecies, God's Will for humanity, the Why and Wherefore of the numerous religions, and especially of those which recognize The Christ as their "Saviour," the ancient teachings and their origin, and O, a large number of interesting interrogations, so many of which pertain to our discussions of Theological Science. I make copies of all such questions, of course, and have been imagining that you might enjoy discussing some of the questions when we visit together in this way each month.

Let me say, however, that I hope you will forgive me if I do not seem to favor one sect more than another; I shall try to explain and define according to my knowledge of proved principles. I like to hold with much of the reasoning of the late Edwin Markham and, regarding religions and peoples which, and who, have long differed regarding the Same God, I like his poem titled, "Outwitted":

"He drew a circle that shut me out -Heretic, rebel, a thing to flout. But Love and I had the wit to win We drew a circle that took him in."

If you are not well acquainted with the works of Edwin Markham, you will enjoy reading him, especially "The Man With The Hoe," "Lincoln, The Man Of The People," "Peace," "The Great Guest Comes In," etc. I think you will especially see much in "The Task That Is Given To You," which he wrote:

"To each one is given a marble to carve for the wall; A stone that is needed to heighten the beauty of all; And only his Soul has the magic to give it grace; And only his hands have the cunning to put it in place. "Yes, the task is given to each one, no other can do; So the errand is waiting; it has waited through ages for you. And now you appear; and the hushed ones are turning their gaze, To see what you do with your chance in the chamber of days."

I hold that you, and every living mortal, are entitled to the right of your belief. I hold further, however, that much of the "belief" of the human family is not actually belief at all but, rather, that what many imagine they believe is what was taught to them when they were young, when their conscious mentalities were plastic and easily moulded into belief; that when they seek and come upon Truth these "believers" actually have an inner sense of appreciation of the fact that they had not been taught Truth but, rather, something quite contrary to It.

For instance; when one suddenly is confronted with the Truth of his own spiritual at-one-ment with God, or The Creator, or Omnipotence, or The Supreme Presence-Power, or your conception of Deity, by whatever name, because of the indisputable omnipresence of the Spirituality, or Life-giving Principle, of The Cosmic Mind, or Universal Mind, or God, he will have difficulty in continuing to blindly believe, without reasoning and proof in the God of the religions Who created a Demon and endowed him with greater power than Himself, or in a mythical, unprovable location in the next plane of existence, commonly called "hell," about which no individual knows anything whatever.

The trend has ever been toward enlightenment; from the earliest of humans who could stand erect and think, to the time of the Man we know as The Christ, there was a steady, if painful, onward and upward surge toward Reason in the face of all denial, all arrest and persecution, all murder and assassination, for daring to teach The Truth as It may have been proved for the overthrow and destruction of false teachings.

During the years between 280 A.D., and 820 A.D., and again from about 1100 A.D., to 1460 A.D., again during much of the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries, it was dangerous to express one's thoughts, if they conflicted with, or denied, rules, or laws, of the church. History is replete with undeniable stories of the persecutions, deliberate tortures, and killings of many courageous men and women who refused to deny or retract what they had reasoned, applied and proved. The human family entered into such a period during the last part of the nineteenth century which has continued, but which is waning and will continue to lose strength in the future.

Through astronomical calculations we know today that the earth revolves on its axis, the while it rotates on its orbit about the sun, but not many years ago the rulers of the church put men to death for telling that same truth. We also know today that the living individual, whether he is a Thinker, or merely a blind believer, senses an inner urge which prompts, warns, counsels him and guides him in all of his conscious mentations. Man used to be taught that That inner Influence was his "Conscience," and without any provable instruction, delineation, or definition, he was supposed to obey Its urging's implicitly which, of course, he could not do because he could not understand It.

Today the intelligent person knows his inner Influence as Omni-conscious, or Sub-conscious Mind, and as his definite part, or degree, of The Cosmic Mind of God Which is omnipresent and, therefore, within him. Since he can reason logically, realize, understand, and appreciate his own mental and spiritual at-one-ment with God, he has eliminated fear and developed courage; he has eradicated worry about some nonsensical, mythical, "hell" hereafter in appreciation of the Truth that all his "hell" is in his state of consciousness.

Ah, but there is a message of radiant hope for those who have not yet learned the Truth of Being. A new World Order has been inaugurated and is in the process of development. The English-speaking and kindred people are those with a mission in this development. You must have observed that the United States of America and the British Commonwealth of Nations became the powers responsible for the forces of world reconstruction and progress.

It may interest you to contemplate the fact that this company of nations would have accomplished the first necessary steps in this age-old destiny had they emerged immediately after the ending of the first World War as the nucleus of the Kingdom of God on Earth. They failed in several directions: they failed to set up arrangements for educating and emancipating the small colonies which had been dominated by the larger nations (which means draining them of their natural resources). What India accomplished will soon be done by most of the peoples of Africa, and a little later by the suppressed peoples of Asia. The Caucasian must yet learn that he is not a superior person because of the color of his skin; he is, or should be, brother to all men of all races.

The old admonition, "O, see how the mighty is fallen," was never more apropos than of this age. The more territory the Russians are allowed to take, and the more authority over the smaller peoples they are able to usurp, the more arrogant they become and, drunken with imagined power, they seek an excuse for ever greater encroachment, which must eventually lead to war.

The Roman Catholic Church, once mighty and in the lands behind the Iron Curtain, has lost immeasurable wealth and power which it will never regain. The longer the peoples of southern Europe continue to be dominated by the Soviet the less likely will they be to desire re-affiliation with the Church. What the majority do not know is that both the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and the Roman Catholic Church are Dictatorships; both seeking dominance over as many of the peoples of the earth as may be possible, for world power. Both are destined to lose.

Where there is rule by the Few over the Majority, there is inevitably ignorance; especially is this true when the rule is such as to encourage fear, whether of political despotism, punishment, exile, or death; or excommunication and threats of a mythical, unprovable, unknown location or imagined condition, called "hell," in the next plane of existence. When the oppressed, after years of bondage to ignorance and fear, begin to awaken, the end is not afar off. I think it is best expressed by Edwin Markham in his poem, "The Man With The Hoe."

If you do not have a copy of it available, perhaps you might want me to quote it for you. It was written after Mr. Markham had seen Millet's world-famous painting of a brutalized toiler. "God made man in His own image; in the image of God made He him." (Genesis)

"Bowed by the weight of centuries he leans
Upon his hoe and gazes on the ground,
The emptiness of ages in his face,
And on his back the burden of the world.
Who made him dead to rapture and despair,
A thing that grieves not and that never hopes,
Stolid and stunned, a brother to the ox?
Who loosened and let down this brutal jaw?
Whose was the hand that slanted back this brow?
Whose breath blew out the light within this brain?

Is this the thing the Lord God made and gave
To have dominion over sea and land;
To trace the stars and search the heavens for power;
To feel the passion of Eternity?
Is this the dream He dreamed Who shaped the suns
And marked their ways upon the ancient deep?
Down all the caverns of Hell to their last gulf
There is no shape more terrible than this More tongued with censure of the world's blind greed More filled with signs and portents for the Soul More packed with danger to the universe

What gulfs between him and the seraphim!
Slave of the wheel of labor, what to him
Are Plato and the swing of Pleiades?
What the long reaches of the peaks of song,
The rift of dawn, the reddening of the rose?
Thru this dread shape the suffering ages look;
Time's tragedy is in that aching stoop;
Thru this dread shape humanity betrayed,
Plundered, profaned and disinherited,
Cries protest to the Powers that made the world,
A protest that is also prophecy.

O masters, lords and rulers in all lands, Is this the handiwork you give to God, This monstrous thing distorted and soul-quenched? How will you ever straighten up this shape; Touch it again with immortality; Give back the upward looking and the light; Rebuild in it the music and the dream; Make right the immemorial infamies, Perfidious wrongs, impeccable woes? O masters, lords and rulers in all lands,
How will the future reckon with this Man?
How answer his brute question in that hour
When whirlwinds of rebellion shake all shores?
How will it be with kingdoms and with kings With those who shaped him to the thing he is When this dumb Terror shall rise to judge the world,
After the silence of the centuries?" (Edwin Markham)

This poem as been called the "battle-cry of the next thousand years." It has been translated into thirty languages. Thousands who have read it have been stirred to their very soul's depths. Were it possible for a well organized Minority, in any arena of life, to mislead, falsely teach, and dictate the way of life of any Majority, without eventual awakening of the people and a final retaliation for wrongs, we could believe that men and not absolute Law rules in the Universe. We see, however, on every hand, the evidence of a reign of absolute infallible, immutable Law and because of this Truth the earliest Scholars and Masters Who were the actual founders of that grand Group Which, over the centuries was to become The Order of Magians, with Lodges in several parts of the earth, were able to foretell and prophecy the future in Their Knowledge of Cause and Effect.

In the beginning there were but Two Who were interested enough in the Truth of Being to investigate and apply principles as they became known; the One Thinker had discussed His thoughts with the other One. Nearly twelve thousand years ago Those Two began to instruct others and to build a demonstration code, or Way of Life which eventually became a demonstration nation, which was to become a working model for the eventual benefit of all the peoples of the earth.

As those Scholars grew in numbers they learned to live in close proximity to one another, and finally they joined together in what became known as lamaseries which they built either close to villages, or in the fastnesses of the mountains, around which clans and villages eventually developed. Thus we have the origin of what was later to be know as lamaseries and lodges of The Order of Magians, or the Great Bond Brotherhood of the Light, often miscalled The White Brotherhood. From that humble origin, devoted to proving the Truth by applying principles for definite results, has come every known religion, philosophy, and the principles of the arts and sciences.

As time went on and Thinkers in the different clans, or tribes, became aware of the ease with which leadership may be acquired, these Thinkers, as leaders, began to introduce the ancient Truth they had learned, under new and different names. Instead of teaching the people the truth that Scholars and Sages had developed the Truth, according to Universal Law, such as Cause and Effect, the early religious leaders taught that God was the Founder of the Universe, Man, all life, the animal, plant and mineral kingdoms, and had set up definite rules by which men were to live.

The people were told that God had selected one man, Abraham, to whom He permitted a glimpse of His great plan and purpose. To Abraham and to his son and grandson, Isaac and Jacob, they were told God made a series of promises. These promises, which are known as "The promises to the fathers," were of such vital importance that, as the New Testament assures us, Jesus Christ came to confirm them. They were entirely unconditional; they were in no way dependent upon the conduct of the persons to whom they were made. There were no stipulations or provisos of any description. They were said to be guaranteed to God's Holy Name; therefore no power in the universe could ever cancel them. Conversely, their fulfillment is as certain as that night follows day.

Now, if you will think of the foregoing in the light of the scientific development of the Truth of Being, rather than in the religious sense, you will see why no power in the universe could ever cancel the "promises to the fathers." The so-called "promises" are immutable Laws. When the people had learned these Truths they did not need religion, nor religious leaders to do their thinking for them, and to be supported by them in parasitic idleness. What were the Promises?

"The promises to the fathers," which now so urgently concern this generation, may be briefly summarized as:

- 1) That especial "seed" should be descended from them, who should be a blessing to all the families of the earth.
- 2) That they should be the progenitors of a multitudinous race of people who should be used as a vehicle for conveying benefit to the world at large.
- 3) That their descendant race should become a "Nation and a company of Nations spreading abroad over the face of the earth."
- 4) That these people should possess "gate" or strategic control over the movements of those who, from time to time, became their enemies.
- 5) That the large territory stretching from the river Euphrates to the border of Egypt should become the heritage of these people.

Were the promises fulfilled?

Everyone knows that the first promise was abundantly fulfilled. It was fulfilled when the ancient Truth of the spiritual at-one-ment of God and Man, because of the spiritual omnipresence of the Cosmic Mind and Spirituality of The Almighty, or Universal Law of Cause and Effect, was revealed to those who "having ears would hear, and having eyes would see."

The religious leader, or churchmen, or theologians, have been telling us that the Truth came into life <u>revealed as a Man</u> - that That Man was brought into this earth plane of existence by The Unknown God, as the Son of God (Who, or Which, is unknown to man), and that, therefore, the Man, Whose name was Jesus, is at the same time God Himself - all of which is

in-understandable and confusing, because it is, as it was intended to be, a deliberate misinterpretation of the ancient Truth, or Wisdom of the Ages.

The Wisdom of the Ages was developed philosophically as a trend of Thought, or line of logical Reasoning, proved in every instance by the patient, deliberate, persistent application of principles. The Man Who is known as Jesus Christ was but One of a number of Masters Who developed themselves during this earth life. His true name was not Jesus Christ. The title "Christ" means "an ideal and perfect human," as typified by The Buddha, The Christ of Nazareth and, among the Hindus, Vishnu. The word "Christ," used as a transitive verb is, (Theos) "To in due (one) with the spirit of a Christ; as to be Christed; to become a Christ."

Nowhere in all of ancient history (except in what is called the history of the Church, which has no foundation in actually recorded history) is there any record, or indication, of a Man called Jesus Christ. There lived a great Teacher named Jesus Who died 105 B.C., but He could not have been the Christ of the early Church, because that Christ was He Who had been born in Bethlehem one of seven (7) children, of a Palestinian Jewess named Maria, and a Tyanean Jew of Greek lineage, named Josephus. The eldest of their sons was named Apollonius and it was He Who was spirited away from the Holy Land to escape the slaughter of the innocents by Herod, later taught the Jewish Laws, the Talmud, and the Torah at the Temple by Hillel, afterward entering the lamasery of the Essenes, after which He was instructed by Philo, and sent on to Persia, India, Nepal, and Thibet for training by the Master of the Great Lodge.

The brothers of the Jesus of the Christian Church or Apollonius, Who was later to be Christed, were James, Joses, Juda, and Simon; and it is recorded that He had two sisters whose names are not given, but the Lodge of the Order of Essenes, of the Order of Mystics, knew them as Sarah and Raecha.

The Seven Great Masters of that time, of Which and Whom The Christ became One as the Eighth Master, were: Meng-tse, or Mencius; of China; (2) Vidyapati, of India; (3) Kaspar, of Persia; (4) Ashbina, of Assyria; (5) Apollonius, of Greece; (6) Matheno, of Egypt; and (7) Philo, of the Hebrews.

Thus the prophecy that "the promises to the fathers" of men, shown herein before, was fulfilled in that time by the teachings of The Christ, which were the principles of the Truth discovered, applied in principle, and proved for the use and the good of all who would learn to know the Law and live It.

The promises had earlier begun to be fulfilled in the birth and subsequent development of ancient Israel as a nation. But because of the apparent disappearance of Israel from the center of world affairs, many have erroneously believed that the complete fulfillment of the prophecies was suspended, or lost, or abandoned. But, as I have said, it is not a question of God forgetting His promises, because God never made verbal promises to men; the finite cannot consciously conceive, perceive, nor converse with the Infinite, save perhaps as it may be a one-way conversation with man doing all the talking.

The promises were given by the early Lodge Masters Who had developed the Truth. Because of the causes established They well knew that eventually - in the time of fulfillment (meaning when a majority of humanity have made themselves ready and fit to Master the Law) "I" shall (Will) come again in the flesh (of man) to establish the Law and the Prophets. That time of fulfillment is almost at hand. The "waters hath receded" (the end of the Piscean Cycle is at hand), and "the Grand Man" is now walking across an arc of the heavens. (as you may observe by looking aloft, in the northern hemisphere, you will see the Constellation Aquarius, resembling a giant man striding across the heavens just beneath and toward the "great Dipper")

What, then, happened to the promises? The earliest of the Promised Nations were the Lemurians who developed a civilization which has never been equaled and which, if surviving today, would completely free mankind from all distress, making One World of Brothers for the good of all. The Atlanteans developed a high state of civilization, but because of refusal to know the Law and live It, they were deluged and destroyed. The Egyptians were successful in not only developing a high state of civilization, but in so far surpassing much of what had been before, and certainly what we imagine we know, that even our learned scientists have little conception of their actual enlightenment.

The next of the Kingdom people, Israel, acted in such a manner as to delay their fulfillment of the promises, but you may observe that the promises are now in process of being fulfilled to the same people under new leadership and new names. Through investigation it is a simple matter to prove that the English-speaking peoples and their kinsmen are the direct lineal descendants of the so-called "lost" tribes of the people of Israel.

It must be obvious, even to the least observant, that the force of circumstances is drawing ever closer together the English-speaking peoples and their kinsmen, and those peoples of the smaller nations and countries who are allied with them. The Company of Nations has, in fact, already emerged; they have spread abroad over the face of the earth; they possess the world's strategic points; their hold on the sea lanes has proved a powerful asset and weapon before potential enemies, and it cannot be very successfully disputed that they have been long favored by the gods and the Laws of Cause and Effect. The promises to the fathers of men have been, and are being, fulfilled in the Anglo-Saxon-Celtic peoples and those of other nations, tongues, and races, closely allied with them. It would seem as if the time is fast drawing near for the gathering of the clans "in the valley of the Euphrates on the plains of Armageddon, when the forces of God shall strike the Prince Gog of the land of Magog in his evil ways."

The present (Korean) (as this is being written in 1949) conflict seems to be of little, if any, concern to the average individual, probably because the majority have been, and are, content to allow their political, religious, academic, and social leaders to do their thinking for them. In the meantime, the Company of Nations of chosen peoples is at death-grips with the kingdoms and dictatorships of this world. The forces of wrong, or careless, or uncontrolled, Thinking and acting which are the "Powers of Darkness," fling out their evil hordes against the nucleus of the "Kingdom of God" in a struggle that has been, and will be, long and grim.

The very ones we should expect to have been our servants for good, are those which shall soon be seeing the handwriting of the wall: "Mene, mene, tekel upharson," meaning "thou hast been weighed in the balance, and art found wanting." "Thy kingdom (of political rule; of religious false teaching, ignorance, and fear; of erroneous educational systems; of false social codes, and all that goes to make for individual and mass distress) is nearing the end of its days. Ignorance, greed, lust, hatred, envy, and fear, are come down from the throne and Enlightenment mounts to wear the crown of salvation through Wisdom and Understanding. Let him that hath an ear hear.

It was prophesied that this should be so. This, indeed, is the "Time of Jacob's Trouble." But we have the specific assurance of the Masters that we shall be "saved out of it" to become the focal point of the New World Order if we, knowing the Law - Cause and Effect - will but live It. AFTER THE STRUGGLE comes the kingdom of God on earth in all its fullness. Around and with the Company of Nations (those peoples who KNOW the Truth and live It) will be grouped the other peoples who desire righteousness and peace. Only one qualification will be necessary put it either way - (a) the acceptance of the leadership of The Christ, or (b) the Personal Development of the Understanding, use, and direction of, creative Thought Power for the establishment of the Causes of definitely defined desires; and the appreciation of the Brotherhood of Man in the Fatherhood of God.

The Kingdom is to be no mere idea in the minds of individuals, but an active, pulsating World Commonwealth regulated by the Law of God, imbued with the principles of the Knowledge of the spiritual and mental at-one-ment of God and all men regardless of race, color, nationality, location, or condition of being, as taught originally by The Master Christ. It will indeed be the Kingdom for which He suggested we pray, or affirm, with the words: "Thy Kingdom come; Thy Will be done on earth (among men) as it is in Heaven (in the kingdom within me - in my Mind.")

What a magnificent privilege to have a part in such a marvelous activity and organization! Surely it is worthy of a little investigation and discussion! With your permission I shall try to offer for your consideration the basic Truth, according to recorded history, regarding this world building of the Kingdom of God and Man, as we come together each month in our visits.

Very few persons really understand the name word Israel. To many, the true meaning of this lovely name is lost or obscured. The fallacy persists that the ancient Israel people were chosen by God as an object of favouritism. The actual choice, or selection, of Israel still stands as a fact; yet there is no question of favouritism. The people of Israel were chosen for <u>service</u>. And Israel means all the children of A-Brahm, or Father Abraham, comprising of the Twelve Tribes and their descendants.

God called Israel to convey, to all mankind, the blessings of peace, happiness, and true progress. While performing that service, The Lord (or Law as defined by the Masters) guaranteed to Israel the reward which every faithful servant should receive: the benevolence and protection of the Master. He, or The Master, placed His own Name upon them, for Israel means "a prince with God," and they were commanded not to "take It in vain." That they did take the Name of God in vain, and so lost It, is a matter of history. That they will again carry It, to God's honor and service, is certain.

We of this age might well be said to be favoured. While we have lived under a sort of bondage, in that many of us were born into this life in families professing and believing one religious doctrine or another, without knowing very much about that which we imagine we believe, we are able to appreciate that religion is largely a matter of accident of birth.

You who are called Christian might have been born to Jewish parents; and who is of the Caucasian race might easily have been born to Colored parents, of the Negro, or Malay, or Mongolian, or Red race, or vice versa; he who is of Jewish faith might well have been born Christian, or Buddhist, or Islamic, or any other sect. You - the Reality - The "I" One and the Same as The Universal, came into this earth plane of life to fulfill a Round in karma; You are What You are because of immutable Law. Why not forget color of skin, religious bigotries, family pride, or pride of race, and realize that All are One as One is a part of All, and that all mankind are Brothers and that the quicker the Brotherhood of Man in the Fatherhood of God is a recognized fact the quicker will we enjoy living in the Kingdom of God.

The best place and time of which I know to practice that Brotherhood is Here, Now, as a Theological Scientist. Love thy neighbor as thyself. My thanks to you for your attention, and my good wishes and love to you.

Your servant and friend,

Hugh Greer Carruthers