

My dear Friends,

There is a new religion coming into the world. I call it the religion of 'Life Itself. Notice what is happening in the world. The famous Beatles are following a Maharishi and meditating for hours. Their example will be followed by hundreds of young people. And there is an ever mounting popular interest in all forms of mysticism and occultism.

We are slowly approaching the advent of the Sixth Root-Race which will be the first truly spiritual Race to appear on this earth. Of course that Root-Race will not be really here for another six hundred years, but its prototype, the sixth sub-race of the present fifth Root-Race is already amongst us. I remember Mrs. Besant telling us we could recognise a sixth sub-race child by its early alertness and sensitivity. Mankind is always on its march Homewards, towards future peace and joy.

That only comes when the consciousness is one with all life, and all living things. Not long ago I asked any of my correspondents who had really achieved that divine consciousness of unity with all life, to write and tell me. I was surprised at the result, and they still continue to come in. Many more people have achieved what the Saints called "union with God" than one would have expected. And that very fact has enormous promise for the future. Presently, as I said, more and more young people will be following the example of the Beatles. Imagine what that will mean to the world. People will lose the exaggerated sense of nationality. National boundaries will mentally go down. I have myself lost any sense of nationality through living so long with many different nations. Krishnamurti says that national and religious differences make all the trouble. Every nation wishes to grab the most lucrative market. Every religion thinks it has the prior truth. And the result is competition instead of cooperation.

Long years ago I fell out of love for the Christian religion because of its awful cruelty. I believe Buddhism is the only religion which has never persecuted. There is One Life vibrating in all that lives, even in the atoms and molecules. One Eternal, ever-moving Life. That is the only true God. All other gods are in reality idols. I remember Krishnaji saying that there is no God save a man glorified. And a man glorified is a God - or all life - conscious man. He can help to save others because he is himself one with the Eternal Peace and Bliss. The new religion means the coming of thousands to that wonderful realisation. They will not need any Church or priest. And I feel that Krishnaji is its herald.

I remember how, long years ago, Mrs. Besant gave a wonderful series of lectures in London. I first saw the notice of them on a big yellow placard in the underground as I was going home to Finchley. "The Coming Religion, the Coming Social Order, the Coming Christ." When I read it my heart almost stood still. And at those meetings I sold books and pamphlets and took tickets at one of the doors. Such excitement was created amongst the populace that they had to have mounted police to keep order in the streets. And people tried to rush past me without a ticket. We were told that the Christ would return and be accompanied by a group of Arhats as special disciples. Now the "gist" of those lectures has come to pass, but not all the details. There is a new presentation of the eternal truths of life coming into the world, and Krishnaji is its herald. The new religion says that every man must find his own divinity and salvation, and Krishnaji says by understanding himself and life. His teaching reminds me of the famous saying of the Delphic Oracle: "Know thyself and thou wilt know the Universe and God."

Now the fundamental truth about the "Coming" is there, but perhaps the details were over-elaborated. And I can see how that happened. I was present at that wonderful meeting long years ago at Benares when Krishnaji was overshadowed. Never will I forget it or the marvellous atmosphere which came. Yet Bishop Piggott said that C. W. Leadbeater was wrong! Not in essentials. There was a mighty and beautiful power flowing through Krishnaji at Benares. But he did not go round the world accompanied by "Arhats." Here is my explanation.

Once, in Huizen, Mrs. Besant gave us a talk on how the Master communicated with her. He did not, she said, communicate with her physically or astrally. He sent a thought to her causal body. It then became her duty to bring that thought down into her mental body, and finally into her brain, expressing it in her own words. Can one not see what might so easily happen here? Both Mrs. Besant and Mr. Leadbeater had been very ardent Christians when they were young. Their brains must have had still very ardent thought-forms of the Bible stories of the Christ going round with his twelve disciples. I know one or two people who were to have been one of these twelve Arhats. One has now passed on and the other has left our work. But the main thesis was right. The "new religion" is fast gaining ground. And the presence of the Christ, the Buddha Maitreya, the Jagrat Guru or World Teacher, is clearly present in Krishnamurti, whom an American publisher designated to me as "The foremost spiritual Teacher in the world today." He also told me that his books were best sellers. That I did not believe until one day I noticed that the book "The First and Last Freedom" had reached its eighth edition!

These are very wonderful days. I am glad to be alive to witness them. They are full of promise for the future of mankind. I have no wish to reform mankind. I would rather that we were all happy. There is so much unhappiness in this sad world. Indeed H. P. B. once said that occultism knew of no "hell" other than a man-bearing planet. I expect we make hell for each other. I remember the Icelandic derivation of the word "hell." It means something shut in, imprisoned, in fact, a hole. There is no misery so great as becoming little-self-centered. It is the opposite of becoming one with all life which is "heaven." And man has to work it out for himself. So the Buddha said to his people, "Work out your own salvation with diligence." Thoughts help because they become a living power in our auras. So have some lovely, happy, pleasant thoughts to keep us company. Perhaps that is not always possible. So let us give "Life" our patience and willingness to suffer if need be. The ancient Celts said of a man who suffered much, "He is making his soul." It is more important to make people happy than to try and make them good. That they can only do for themselves. We shall all "sin", which means make awful mistakes, until we become finally one with all life and therefore "divinised." As St. John said, "He cannot sin, because he is born of God." (John 3, 9) That means that he cannot hurt in any way the life around him and his fellow men.

When C. W. Leadbeater wrote to the Master K. H., the Master told him that to become the Master's disciple did not depend upon the Master's personal choice. "Force one of the 'Masters' you may happen to choose," He told C. W. L. And then He tells him how to do that. "Do good works in His name and for the love of mankind; be pure and resolute in the path of righteousness (as laid out in our rules); be honest and unselfish; forget yourself but to remember the good of other people."

All true religion is there in that one little sentence.

I must say again what I think I have said before. I owe so many letters, I can never catch up with them all. And sometimes I get a little muddled as to who sent me what. So will you please all take my very heartfelt and grateful thanks, and never mind if it happens that you do not get a letter of thanks. I will try and answer you all, but please forgive me if it happens that I do not.

Always your affectionate friend,

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