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THE UNIVERSE IS MENTAL

"There is nothing either good or bad, but thinking makes it so."
Shakespeare.

A remarkable editorial appeared in the *New York Herald Tribune*, of March 8th, 1926, entitled, "Fatigue from Mental Conflict." The analysis of mental fatigue, contained in this editorial, was called forth by an article by N. J. Bonham Bridges, in *Mental Hygiene*, on the analysis of mental exhaustion.

The editor stated, that mental contact with persons, whose minds ran conflicting channels, even though these persons were friends, always brings about mental fatigue, in the one to whom the company of the other is unwell-come. A person in an egotistical state of mind, or one who is obsessed with a subject, full of interest to himself, but not to others, or, again, an individual whose mind is, for the time, occupied with painful, sorrowful, or perhaps, overwicked thoughts, — such a person, obtruding his company upon another, will surely cause a condition of mental fatigue in his companion.

Another editorial appeared in the *New York Times*, of March 15, 1926, on "Mental Turpitude." In this editorial, the notorious case of a foreign titled woman, who sought admission to the United States, but who, for a time, was denied entry, by the immigration officials at Ellies, because of "Mental Turpitude," and who was finally admitted by a Federal Judge of the district of York. This editor reviews the case, and draws conclusions derogatory to both the immigration officials and to Congress, and favorable to the alien who has just been admitted into our midst. The editor makes use of the following significant sentence: "If there is such a thing as mental turpitude. Congress and the immigration officials were guilty of it in producing the confusion and unhappy notoriety which have attended this unpleasant ease."

It is beginning to be recognized, that we live in a mental world. What the world knows as "nations", groups of similar mentalities, or minds which run in more or less the same channel, and thus think more or less the same thoughts. Certain minds, when they meet, are immediately congenial, and the individuals are friends from the first meeting. Other minds repel each other at the initial contact, and remain mutually repellent, until one or the other capitulates. The prime purpose of all education is to raise the mind of the student to a higher level, to open to him a new world of thought, to expand his mentality, to open his mental eyes, and thus to lift him above the level of the brute. So, the musician is trained, eventually to give to the world, the sweet harmonies and melodies, which, to him, are unknown, and therefore, unexpressed and unexpressible, until his musical perception and faculties are developed. So,

the mathematician is taught to measure the stars, to survey the heavens, and to circumnavigate the earth mentally, even before he applies his mental training to ships and other physical means of movement. So, the saint learns to know God, through Christ Jesus, the great 'Teacher of men, and he becomes acquainted with the spiritual phenomenon of eternal life, and how to demonstrate it.

The highest collective mental group, or nation, on earth, is that rational phenomenon known to the world as the American Federal Union, founded by Washington and his co-patriots, upon ideals and principles, which, for centuries, were the peculiar possession of the Nordic, or Anglo-Saxon peoples, and which were the direct result of the acceptance, by the Nordics, of the teaching of Christ Jesus. These ideals, as clearly, forcefully, and spiritually enunciated in our fundamental documents, created a national mode of mind, in the Western Hemisphere, so radically different in from every national mentality which the world had ever known, except that of the Hebrew people when they submitted themselves wholly to the government of God, as to inaugurate a "New Aera," in the world, a "new constellation" among the stars of earth's nations. These significant phrases are quoted from the Acts of Congress, of the period of the Revolution, instituting our Flag and Seal. The key to this marvellous national mind, revealed and brought forth, through the inspired vision of Washington and his co-workers, is found in the name, given to the new nation, the American Federal Republic. The word "Republic" comes from two words, meaning, the "common weal," or the well-being of all the people; and the word "Federal" signifies, that the government of the nation, as one unified people, or group, is vested in a single authority, symbolized in that form of government instituted by the Constitution, to be realized eventually in the visible government of God, through Christ.

We again emphasize the fact, now becoming recognized, that we live in a mental world, a mental universe. The high idealism, which characterized the American Nation at its establishment, wholly separated America from all the rest of the world, forever, or, as an Austrian statesman remarked, when the Monroe Doctrine came forth, "The Monroe Doctrine has separated America from Europe irrevocably." The mentality which is spiritually charged to express itself in such national ideals, as, that "all men are created, equal," "that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, among which are Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness," that "these United Colonies are, and of Right ought to be, free and independent States," and that, "for the support of this Declaration, with a firm reliance upon Divine Providence, we mutually pledge, to each other, our lives, our Fortunes, and our Sacred Honor," the mentality which, under the inspiration of God, was so imbued with the spirit of national unity, as to send out into the world, the significant words; "We the People of the United States, in order to form a more Perfect Union, do ordain this Constitution for the United States of America;" the mentality which nationally declared to all the rest of the world, that "We should consider any attempt on their part, to extend their system to any portion of this hemisphere,

as dangerous to our peace and safety, . . . as the manifestation of an unfriendly disposition towards the United States;" such mentality finds it impossible to run in the same channel with those minds, individual or collective, who accept the old order, live under the passing constellations, and acknowledge the false doctrine of "the divine right of kings," the domination and tyranny of ecclesiastics, the depressing and suppressing caste system, or artificial classes based upon the accident of birth, and not upon individual merit, and the mental qualities of greed, lust for gold and lust for power, unquenchable national or group antipathies, which constantly and incessantly burst forth into the flames of war, and all the fruits of the old world mentality, now passing from the world, in the phenomenon of a dying continent, Eurasia, or Europe-Asia.

In line with this subject, "The Universe is Mental," a most interesting editorial appeared in the New York Times, of Sunday, March 7, 1926, entitled "Area 'X'", referring to the last remaining unknown portion of the earth's surface, in the Arctic regions. This editorial frankly deals with the activities of man on this planet, so far as his thirst for discovery is concerned, on a purely mental basis. It treats the subject from the mathematician's standpoint, and uses the language of mathematics, a subject which is entirely metaphysical. To quote in part from this editorial;

The anonymous author of "The Great Analysis" said a few years ago, that the world had attained complete, or almost complete geographical self-consciousness, that there was "no more unknown this side of the moon." One geographical gap is the area between the Pole and Alaska — the region, upon which adventure and scientific exploration will converge by airship, airplane, and sledges during the coming summer. It might well be called "Area X". These explorers will trace their courses in the sky, or through the snow, or on the ice, quite conscious what their fate may be, and just to find and bring some bit of knowledge to the mind of man, which will not be content until it possess geographically every square mile of the planet — the essential "condition precedent of spiritual self-consciousness," for the world.

Here is a child's attempt to describe the vastness of a mental universe, in the language of a child, which the developed spiritual man, such as the prophets, the disciples, and the great Teacher, Christ Jesus, spiritually discerned and described in the loftiest spiritual language and imagery. Christ Jesus laid the premise of his teaching and example, on the fundamental fact, that GOD, the Creator of the Universe, is Spirit, that Spirit, eternal life and love, is Infinite, the eternal Mind, filling all space, and governing His universe in perfect harmony, and continued reflection of His Ever-presence, Life and Love, the sustaining Source of the Universe, including man.

God is Spirit, and they that worship him must
worship him in Spirit and in truth. (John)

The realm of the teacher — be he a teacher of music, of mathematics, or of the mysteries of God — is always, and must of necessity be, wholly in the mental. All true teaching is comprised in the Mind of Christ, who is the supreme mental and spiritual Teacher of men. Christ Jesus taught plainly, that man is wholly mental, spiritual, created in the image of GOD, who is Spirit. The transition from the carnal concept of man, to the spiritual, Christ Jesus designated as being "born again," and he likened this process to the movement of the wind, "and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit." (John 3:8) Christ Jesus boldly declared, "The flesh profiteth nothing: It is the Spirit that quickeneth" (giveth life). (John 6:63).

On this mental basis, Christ Jesus worked, performed his healings, stirred the world of his day to its foundations, and finally disappeared from the material sense of the universe, to "come again,"* as he promised. The beloved disciple, John, catching the import of Christ Jesus' spiritual interpretation of man and the universe, saw the "new heaven and the new earth," in which there was "no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying," for the former things (thoughts, false thinking) which produced them, had passed away. John recorded his vision in the marvellous imagery of the Apocalypse. The Revelator's spiritual sense relinquished the material sense of even the sun and moon, as seemingly visible to the carnal, or material mind, of the fleshly, human man; and he boldly states:

And there here shall be no night there, and they
need no candle, neither light of the sun; for the Lord
God giveth them light: and they shall reign for ever and
ever.

(Revelation 22:5).

Paul's words have rung down the centuries:

For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath
made me free from the law of sin and death.

(Romans 8:2).

Thus, humanity is learning, that to be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded, is life and peace.

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