

sense of human personality, all sense of material desires and difficulties, and gives an unspeakable knowledge of the constant presence and infinite protection of the triune God—Life, Truth, and Love—which uplifts and sustains us above all material troubles, giving an abiding sense of “the peace of God, which passeth all understanding” (Phil. 4:7). “In quietness and in confidence shall be your strength” (Isa. 30:15). “Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty” (II Cor. 3:17). 5

HEAVEN

First let me summarise the position. Heaven is not a far-off distant state which we reach by death, but a perfect state of consciousness existing *now*. 10 Jesus said, “The kingdom of God is within you,” and the alternative marginal translation is “The kingdom of God is among you” (Luke 17:21); that is to say, all the love, life, truth, joy, wisdom, knowledge, and beauty that we see around us is part of heaven, permanent and perfect. In front of the spiritual man may be said to flash a series of cine- 15 matograph pictures, which pass at the rate of about twenty miles an hour. All the sin, disease, troubles, and limitations are part of these cinematograph pictures, for man is not a material being liable to sin, disease, and death; he is, always was, and always will be, a perfect being, in a perfect world, governed by a perfect God. Of the material or cinematographic 20 picture man, Jesus said, “Ye are of your father the devil . . . there is no truth [reality] in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own, for he is a liar and the father of it” (John 8:44). The only apparent life, love, joy, etc., of the material man is the real life, love and joy, partially shining through the cinema pictures and giving the appearance of reality to 25 them.

All the good is part of heaven, made by God. All the evil, sin, disease, worries, troubles, and sufferings are in the cinema pictures, and men have been humbugged, fooled, and hypnotised to believe themselves to be material beings, liable to sin, disease, and suffering. There is not a word of 30 truth in it. Man always was, is now, and always will be a spiritual being, a perfect being, in a perfect world, governed by a perfect God. Philosophers have taught that there is no such thing as time, and this is now found to be correct. All these illusory cinema pictures existed millions of years ago just as much as they exist now. Predestination, therefore, is true, and these 35 pictures must, unless they are destroyed by the action of God, present their false appearance at their predetermined time. Fatalism, however, is not true, because when a cinematographic picture man turns in thought to God, he opens his human mind, and then the action of God by means of his spiritual self, through his material self, as through a channel, destroys 40 some of the evil, that is to say, thins the mist of matter, and he sees heaven more as it really is. He sees, for instance, a healthy man instead of one diseased; a happy man instead of a miserable being.

Heaven, mathematically, is a world of four dimensions, of which we see three. The fourth dimension is infinity. Man has existed for infinite time; 45 an infinite number of God’s glorious ideas have come to him; he has grouped these ideas into an infinite number of perfect combinations of

what, in the material world, we call art, music, literature, etc. These radiate out from him into infinite space, giving infinite joy and happiness to an infinite number of perfect beings. He has known an infinite number of these peerless spiritual beings, and has become conscious of the beauties
5 of an infinite number of spiritual worlds, because each of the infinite material worlds around us is merely a material *misrepresentation* of a real spiritual world, of a beauty which it is absolutely impossible to imagine, much less to describe. With regard to the future, an infinite number of new ideas will come to man; he will group these together into an infinite
10 number of sublime combinations; he will revel in the beauty of an infinite number of new resplendent worlds, and will exchange ideas with an infinite number of divine spiritual beings, whom he has never met before. Man has infinite Love, infinite Life, infinite Truth, infinite wisdom, infinite knowledge, infinite joy. In fact, man has no limitations whatsoever,
15 except that he can never know the whole of reality; for instance, he can never know the infinite number of spiritual beings, he can never know all the wonderful worlds, he can never know all the ideas and combinations of ideas, for the unfolding of God's infinitude is eternal life. Each divine being has, however, the Christ capacity, and can know instantly any idea
20 of God, can be with any spiritual being, and can be conscious of any of the marvellous beauties of any spiritual world directly he so desires. The spiritual man has, however, no personal volition, for he is governed by the will of God, being God's consciousness. The awakening of a spiritual desire is God's law in operation, and a natural precursor of the unfoldment
25 which satisfies that desire.

Now let me see if I can give you a slight idea of that wonderful world, heaven: First of all, what gives us the greatest happiness in this world? Unquestionably when we love somebody intensely and that love is returned. Now, in heaven, the love that you have towards a spiritual being
30 whom you have just met, and the love he has towards you, is infinitely greater than the love that can exist between any two material beings, as it is the infinite love of God, seen unveiled.

To interchange ideas with those we love gives us the next greatest amount of happiness. In heaven we are always interchanging ideas with
35 those we love with an infinite love, and these are not ordinary ideas such as come to the material man. Take the most beautiful ideas that you have ever had. For instance, the most perfect music that has ever delighted you, the most perfect poem you have ever heard, the most perfect picture you have ever seen. They are not to be compared with the perfect ideas that
40 are always being passed on to you by your fellow-man, because these are God's ideas, created by God, and therefore absolutely perfect.

The third source of great happiness in heaven is creation, the grouping together of the ideas. Firstly, you have the joy of creating the thing, as you have in the material world, whether it is in writing a book or carving a
45 piece of wood. Secondly, you have the joy from seeing the happiness that your creation gives to your fellow-man. In heaven your creations are absolutely perfect; you are continually grouping together the beautiful ideas of God that come to you, into wonderful and perfect combinations, which radiate out from you into infinite space, giving joy and happiness.

Continually you are having people whom you love intensely, thanking you for this wonderful creation, and giving you in exchange ideas that they have grouped together. As each has all wisdom, intelligence, and knowledge, you fully appreciate, and get a maximum amount of joy, infinite joy, from interchanging, one with another, these combinations of ideas that you launch into eternity. 5

The next source of great happiness is scenery. A man once told me that his idea of heaven was beautiful scenery, a beautiful sunset, for instance. In heaven we can wander with those we love amongst infinite worlds of incalculable beauty. Each of the material planets and stars is really a spiritual world of absolute perfection, seen by us wrongly, and you can never get tired of visiting these worlds because they are infinite in number. Each of these is a different world, and therefore gives you fresh pleasure as you explore its beauties. In heaven, all being governed by the one Mind, God, there are no conflicting interests, no jealousies, no mistakes. Life is one continual existence of absolute perfection. You never can get tired of this, because there are infinite ideas in Mind, in God, and therefore infinite combinations. There are also infinite spiritual beings with whom to exchange ideas, and infinite worlds to be visited. You are continually meeting new people, who show you infinite love, and going with those whom you love to new worlds, and to wander thus is no troublesome task. There is no calculation of ways and means, no preparations to be made or paraphernalia to be taken, and no doubt as to whether there are dangers ahead. It is a perfect mental world, the realm of infinite Mind, where man always exists, always has existed, and always will exist, as part of God's consciousness, in a perfect position from which he is never removed. All that can be said to move are the ideas of God, which continually circulate in that vast infinite Mind, idea after idea coming to you in the form of perfect combinations of ideas, which you pass on to your fellow-man, that he may obtain joy therefrom. He, in exchange, passes you fresh combinations, and you group and re-group these ideas, each one presenting new beauties. There is no trouble about living, because God is your Life; there is no trouble about wondering where the food is to come from the next day, because your food is the ideas of God, and those ideas are infinite, continually unfolding to you, and always obtainable. No sickness or disease can harm you because you are made in the image and likeness of God, part of God's consciousness, and where God is no evil can exist. Take the hundred happiest days that you have ever had in your life, and group all the happiest moments together, and the happiness is not to be compared with the bliss that you will continually enjoy. "Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him" (I Cor. 2:9). 40

This is the wonderful world in which you, a wonderful being, and all those you now see materially around you, will shortly find yourselves when the whole world appears to wake up and gain a knowledge of Truth, a real absolute knowledge of God. "For now we see through a glass, darkly" (I Cor. 13:12), but the day is fast approaching when "they all shall know me, from the least to the greatest" (Heb. 8:11). This is the perfect world in which we are all going to wake up to find ourselves. 45

Then you will see those loved ones whom you appear to have lost and will see them as they really are; all the good that you ever saw in them intensified a million-fold. Then you will never lose them again, but will be found to be closer to them than the material man has ever been; you
5 will mentally traverse with them the celestial realm, God-crowned because God-created.