

THE END OF THE WORLD

Long has the world been expecting the end of the world, but that end has never come in any of the expected ways! Some have believed that the end of the world would come as an earthquake swallowing itself up in itself; some have believed that a great flood, such as is recorded in the time of Noah, would again be upon us at such and such a date; some have believed that it would come with fire and brimstone — everything that seems to be, just toppling over upon itself, and then would be no more.

But, no, the end of the world can come in only one way - individually and through the recognition and the acceptance of the true facts of creation, or of another world in which to dwell. Jesus said plainly, "Ye are of this world; I am not of this world," and, "My kingdom is not of this world." (John) He repeatedly told us to find his kingdom and to find that world wherein he lived, as a solution to all the woes of the earth. This world of his was a world wholly apart, and yet not apart from the one we lived in at that time, or even at this time.

He told us that if we would find *His* kingdom, or *His* world, we would have all that one could desire; we would find health, happiness and wealth in that world of his. The earthy world has ever been searching for that health, that wealth, and that happiness, which Jesus said could be found in *His* world, but has always been searching for them in some other place, and thus they have not been found. Jesus said to find His world, and, as the Word of God works automatically, the things in that world would then be seen and used. But the satisfying of "desire" has never been found where the world has been looking for it, and why?

The answer is very simple, because they are not there at all. Only as "the end of the world" comes to each one individually by the larger and right apprehension of *His kingdom* and *His world* do we find *that world* of Jesus, or of his Father, and only thus do we find the permanent joys of which he foretold.

It is an undoubted fact that Jesus surely expected us to find at some time that world of his in which would be unfolded "that the mountains shall drop down new wine, and the hills show flow with milk, and all the rivers of Judah shall flow with waters, and a fountain shall come forth of the house of the Lord, and shall water the valley of Shittim" (Joel), for did he not say, "Let not him who seeks cease until he finds; and when he finds, he shall be astonished; astonished, he shall reach the kingdom; and having reached the kingdom, he shall rest." Rest from what? Surely not from our troubles, all of our own making? No, but rest from our constant and continual searching, seeking, hunting for his kingdom (which is right here now to the spiritual senses), that land of promise. For having found it, why should one continue to search for it?

We know of one who found that world of His, after much diligent searching for it, for the inspired Word distinctly tells us about it. "I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea [false

world]. And I John saw the holy city [the world which Jesus told us to find too], new Jerusalem [the Kingdom of God].” (Revelation) If then John could find that world which is not our world, and did find it, then it must exist, and it is possible for us to do the same.

Searching for the things of His world in the present world, (the world of matter), is not *the way* Jesus told us to find these things. He told us many and many a time to obey the commands (not just the Ten Commandments) of our Father; and he gave us a New Covenant to guide us in finding *His World* or *His Kingdom* of Spirit. Obeying the commands of God, hearing and doing *His word*, is done individually; and as soon as we have found out what these commands are that we should obey, and begin to turn to *Him* or *His world* for strength, for health, for surcease for all our troubles, we find ourselves in another world, the world of Spirit, a world of the presence of God. Soon, too, do we discover that in this world, God only is the supreme Law-Giver, and that *He* is the only and absolute Law-Giver; that *His* laws are *Himself* and *He* gives of *Himself*. This is the Kingdom that we are to search for and find.

We recognize in this world of Spirit that we are no longer victims of the world of matter, or of the world of flesh or corporeality; that all these years, we have been living under the impression that we are victims to this and that human method, human doctrine, or human opinion — all a part of the world that we seem to be in. But now, with this new and enlarged vision, magnified by the rejection of all borders or fences, this new and right apprehension of the things which Jesus was telling us of some 1900 years ago, we find that we are not at all what we have been taught to believe that we are; that we do not live in the world we have been taught that we live in; that the God which we have been taught to worship is not the God at all that Jesus is talking about; and that the worship that we have been giving to that God, is not the kind of worship that Jesus was trying to put over to us; and that the Sabbath we are keeping, is not the Sabbath that Jesus told us about — “except ye make the Sabbath a real Sabbath, ye shall not see the Father.” (*Logia*)

What is that true Sabbath? What is that true Kingdom? What and where is that world that we are to live in to find everlasting joy? What is the God that we are to worship, and what is the God that we are to adore and to revere? And where are we to find that Sabbath and that world or Kingdom, and that kind of worship, and that God who is the Supreme Ruler, the only Governor, who is absolute and omnipotent? And what is *that* God in the first place?

John found the new world, or the new Kingdom, and in finding that world of Spirit, or that world of which Jesus was the demonstrator, the *end of the world of matter had come to him*. Since then others have discovered that same world of Spirit; and the end of the reign of the world of matter has come to them too; each and every day others are discovering that world, that world of Spirit, or of God, or that world of which he said, “I am not of this world,” and have learned to dwell in that world. Thus, to each one, individually, who has discovered the world of which Jesus spoke, preached and demonstrated to us, has come *the end of the world of matter*.

The end of this world coming to us, in our higher discoveries of the things of Spirit, or the world of God, or *His kingdom*, or the domain of the great Supreme Being, Ruler of all that world, to such a one, this world of matter no longer usurps the power belonging to the other world, but soon it is relegated to the falsity of personal sense as no longer having the ability to fool us in its many disguises. Now, the serpent, or the world of material sense, or matter, makes no impression on those who have entered the

new world of Spirit, or the world of Jesus, or the Kingdom of the Master. And to each and every one who refuses to be fooled any longer with the fables and tales of past ages, of a world of personal sense being the ruler, or the slave-driver, and we the victims or slaves of such a master, I say, *The end of the world has come and it is no more* — it “has passed away.” This is the only “passing away” there ever is. And this is the only way in which “the end of the world” will come or is ever to appear. The sooner each one, individually, recognizes this fact, and the fact that one is right now in that domain or *dominion* of Spirit, the world of *God*, the “new world” which John discovered, in spite of all the false theories and doctrines of men of the present and past ages, the sooner will the whole *body* of humanity renounce the false viewpoints of a world which is powerless, and of no lasting benefit to anyone. *Then the end of the world is upon us.*

Why wait until one dies before he finds the end of this world, or why wait until one dies before he finds the world slipping away from him? Or, why wait for some great calamity to occur, to loose his hold on the things of the earth, earthy? Or, why wait until one arranges everything to his own satisfaction as being “heaven” to him? Why not *now* recognize the “new world,” the “new heaven and the new earth,” of John and of Jesus, and of all our revelators of God’s world; even as the world had to come at last to the recognition of the truth that the sun does not revolve around the earth, but that the earth revolves around the sun? The old world of sense testimony refused to accept this truism at one time, and severely persecuted the discoverer of this fact, yet the world had to accept the fact because of its being a fact, and not a falsity.

While the discoverer of this truth — that the sun did *not* revolve around the earth, but that the earth revolved around the sun — was confined in prison for insisting on the truth of these facts, at that very moment, when the world was actually living in that truth but not recognizing it, the world was attempting to suppress the one who had vision enough to discover it. This is just what is with us today. A discovery of the world that *is*, of the God that *is*, of what we actually *are*, is being put forth for our acceptance; and whether we accept it or not, right where we are standing, is that world of which Jesus told us to search for and find. When we do find it, we will discover that all the time we believed that there was no such world of Spirit, there is a world of Spirit, or of God, Mind; and when we do accept the true facts, or the true world, nothing at all has changed, not even our belief about it, for belief can never be changed into truth. But our recognition of the true state of consciousness (the world of Jesus, or the world that *is*) obliterates the mistaken viewpoint. This is the only way to correct the mistake of false education, and viewpoints of the *creation of good*. The false belief is obliterated by the Truth, and not by the true belief, for then would we be exchanging one belief of evil for a belief of good, both beliefs having no true foundation. To have confidence in, to have reliance on, *His word*, and accepting that *word* as the actuality; and living in the Christ-like way according to its demands, is the affirmation of that world of Spirit. It is doing that which God commands, and this *doing* is the automatic affirmation of the ever-presence of a world of God, and the consequent denial or obliteration of a world of personal sense.

This discovery of the truth of being, is accepted first individually. Soon the individual acceptance of the true facts, or spiritual sense, becomes the collective acceptance, and the whole world rises higher and broader in the right apprehension of what *is*; this is the *end of the world* for the whole world.

Jesus illustrated this discovery of *His Kingdom* by the story of the pearl fisher. The pearl fisher had fished and fished and fished, until one day he fished up the biggest, the best and the finest pearl that *he knew* could be found. *He recognized* the finest pearl there ever could be; and because *he recognized* what he had found, he was assured that there was none anywhere better, or more perfect, or more true; so he stopped his fishing and began to enjoy his pearl. He had been fishing for a long time, and he knew his pearls; he knew the world of pearls; and, like any dealer today who knows just where the biggest and best pearl is to be found, so that man knew that he had found what he had been searching for, the *only pearl* that would ever satisfy a pearl fisher.

The fisherman is the searcher for *His Kingdom*, for God, for Life, for the world of Jesus; the pearls that he had been bringing up are all the result of living in a world of material sense, on matter. The pearl which at last he found, and which satisfied him, is the Kingdom of God, or *that world* of Jesus which we are to find; and the cessation of the pearl fisher's fishing, is our recognition of *that Kingdom* which we have found *now*. Thus we cease our searching and rest.

Then does the world of God *unfold* to us its glory, its beauty, its joy, its Love, its tolerance, its compassion, its gentleness, its very *life*, even as the beautiful pearl each day unfolded to its owner its beauties, one day a soft cream, another day a beautiful silky sheen, and another day various colorings.

And even as the world of fishing is now ended with the fisherman, so is the end of this world comes to us. It has nothing to offer us, for we have found a "new heaven and a new earth," and the *end* of the old heaven and the old earth has come. "Thus . . . shall that great city Babylon be thrown down, and shall be found no more at all."