
DELIRIUM VS. REALITY

“They are drunken, but not with wine; they stagger but not with strong drink”. (Isaiah 29/9).

With what then are they drunken, if not with strong drink or wine? They are, and the whole world is drunken with the human mind, by reason of the constant endeavor by human thinking to find peace, health, life, success, and a way out of troubles.

A human being becomes drunken with wine by himself drinking. Another becomes drunken with the human mind by himself thinking.

In the first instance he loses consciousness (human consciousness) and knows nothing of his human existence as it is supposed to be normally. He loses consciousness of home, mother, father, wife, children; he loses all moral sense, loses his sense of financial responsibilities, loses control of his body, his organs and speech; and if he persists in thus staying drunk he may even see pink elephants, red beetles and green monkeys. He has conjured up a *delirium tremens* world.

In the second instance, when a person becomes drunken with the human mind by himself thinking, he too loses consciousness, but in this instance it is true consciousness or the Christ-consciousness. Then he loses consciousness of the Kingdom of God and the things therein, and in which kingdom he really “lives and moves and has his being”. He loses consciousness of the presence of good, of Spirit, of plenty, of joy, merriment, of laughter, of peace, of life, and the other things of the Kingdom of God. And if he thus persists he will conjure up a delirium world and see sickness, sin, poverty, limitation, and other evils and finally death, and wherein he too loses control of his body, his limbs, his speech, hearing, sight, etc.

What do we do for the man drunken with wine, to help him out of his difficulties? The first thing to do is to stop his drinking. The first thing to do for him who is drunken with the human mind, is

to stop his thinking. Jesus said "Take NO thought" for your life, for what you drink, for what you eat, "take NO thought" for your body, for what you put on your body, and "take NO thought" for the future. On another occasion he stressed the same point saying "At an hour when ye think not"—not when ye think, but when ye think not—will the reality of man appear. In other words he advocated that we stop our own thinking. So did other prophets, and in this day and age one of the cardinal points in the Word of God as revealed to and by Mrs. Eddy, was this very thing as follows:— "Silence the material senses." (S & H 15), and "the Christian Scientist takes the best care of his body when he leaves it most out of his thought" (Ibid 383).

When he who is drunken with liquor stops his drinking, a most strange thing happens to him. This strange thing comes to him easily and without effort, in fact nothing can prevent this happening. He becomes conscious, or consciousness returns to him. (Human consciousness it is called, although it is really unconsciousness—but as Kipling said, "That's another story".) There are people in this world who would gladly retain that state of unconsciousness and which is produced by liquor, morphine or otherwise similarly, but it is impossible to so remain. When this consciousness (human) returns to him, there disappears the delirium world with its pink elephants, its green monkeys and red beetles, and which seemed so real to him, while at the same time he beholds his home, his wife and family, he becomes aware of his financial responsibilities, recovers his moral sense and decency, and once again is able to control his body, his organs, his speech, and action.

When the man drunken with the human mind stops his own thinking a stranger and more wonderful thing happens to him, for consciousness returns to him also, but it is the Christ-consciousness, and which is called "The Wonderful, Counsellor, the mighty God, the everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace", or the Spirit rests upon him, guides him and governs him. Then he loses sight of sickness, sin, poverty, death, and other discords, while simultaneously he beholds the Kingdom of God with its abundance of

life, health, love, beauty, color, form, peace, substance and everything that is good.

Did he have to get rid of his sickness etc, called by whatever name? whether chronic or acute, of short or long duration, and whether called incurable or not? Not at all. The whole thing was but the fevered imagination or delirium of the human mind, just as the pink elephants, green monkeys and red beetles, were but the fevered imagination or delirium of the drunken man. When the fumes of liquor disappeared, there disappeared also the inflamed condition which rendered him unconscious, and with which he conjured up the delirium world, but when consciousness returned he beheld that which was to have been seen all the while, and the *delirium tremens* world of nothingness disappeared. So when the fumes of the thinking of the human mind disappear, there also disappears the inflamed sense condition or unconsciousness by which he beheld evil, disease, poverty, death etc., even as the man with the *delirium tremens* beheld green monkeys etc.; while at the same time there arises in him the Christ-Mind, or the Christ-consciousness, whereupon does he perceive the Kingdom of God, and the things therein, which were there always, though unperceived by him. Moreover this Kingdom of God was visible to others who had attained this spiritual consciousness, as were the so-called normal things of this mundane sphere visible to those who stood at the side of the man drunken with liquor, even while he himself was quite unconscious of what those others beheld.

Did the sickness, sin, pain, death, poverty, or other troubles have to be healed or destroyed? Not at all. Did the green monkeys, the pink elephants, or red beetles have to be destroyed or healed? Not at all. The former were as unreal and insubstantial as the latter. None had any existence. They were all illusions pure and simple. No more, no less. There is no more substance to a material world than there is substance to the *delirium tremens* world. Is there a world? Yes, but not a material world. Are there elephants? Yes, but not pink elephants. Are there red beetles? No, but there are beetles. Are there monkeys? Yes, but not green monkeys. Are there things? Yes, but not material things. All is spiritual, and not

material. Is there a kingdom? Yes, but not a material kingdom. The only kingdom is God's kingdom. The Kingdom of God is here, and is here now. It has always been here and always will be here. It is spiritual and perfect. If we have believed in a material kingdom with its sickness, sin, death, poverty and other evils, it is only because we have been drunken with our thinking with the human mind, and have conjured up a delirium world wherein there appeared those material things with their accompanying evils, even as there appeared to him drunken with liquor those pink elephants, green monkeys and red beetles in a delirium world. When the latter became conscious he saw what was to have been seen all the while, and which others looking on at the time beheld; and likewise when the Christ consciousness returns or the Spirit rests upon us, we too will behold that which has been there all the while, the real spiritual and only universe, the Kingdom of God, and which others who have attained this spiritual or Christ-consciousness could see and did see even at the time when we conjured up and believed we saw a material kingdom with material laws and evil. "Jesus beheld in Science the perfect man, who appeared to him where sinning mortal man appears to mortals" (S & H 476)—to those drunken with the human mind.

If he did it, we too may do it. He said so himself. Why not then make the attempt. You cannot lose. The goal is wonderful and worth while, and can be won.