LECTURE
"THE IDEAL CREATION"

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To establish oneself in the ideal, it is necessary to make certain affirmations. We call them affirmations of Truth. A right affirmation is a prayer, because we don't affirm anything except what comes from the sincere desire of the heart.

We have certain ideals, we call them, that are in reality the soul's aspirations; but these ideals are not clothed upon, because we think them impossible. In other words, we haven't laid hold of the reality of ideas.

Then, we must change our viewpoint as to ideas. Our first affirmation should be, "I believe in the reality, the substance of ideas - all ideas; and I believe that all real ideas are good".

Now, we will pray this morning; that is, we will affirm
those truths: "I believe in the reality of ideas, and I also believe that all ideas, all real ideas, are good". God pronounced his creation good and very good.

Now, we will be still - put out of our mind all things external, and get in the realm of ideas, and there affirm that "I believe in the reality of ideas, and I also believe that all real ideas are good."

(Silence)

(Responsive Service).
In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.

When did this creation take place? Six thousand years ago? We have no records which bear out this estimate of time. The only records that are of value in the estimation of the time that this planet has been forming, are those leaves called geological stratifications. Geologists tell us that it has taken millions and millions of years to form the various deposits which are found beneath our feet. Consequently, the idea of a six thousand year period in which to bring forth the world, is rather limited.

Long ago, theologians had changed their base in this matter of the time required to create the world. As mere history, this record that we have, is without any authority. It is something more than history, and the generally accepted idea, by the theological
world to-day, is that it is symbolical, although some of them try to confine themselves to the literal creation.

A deeper insight than the intellectual, reveals that these symbols represent ideals; that God is a Principle, a Mind Principle, and that all creation is based upon the movements of Mind; that God's universe is brought forth through the idealization of a great Mind Principle, and that this creation, the outer expression of which we see about us, was brought forth, and is now in process of being brought forth, through the action of a Great Mind; and we are the offspring of that Mind. That that mind is constantly moving upon the Great Mind, and that these symbols are merely representative, not complete, as to detail; not literal, but like the "X" in Mathematics, higher mathematics, representing a quantity that
can not yet be perceived.

Now, it is for us, as discerners of spiritual things, to get at the real meaning of creation. We think that it is not necessary that we should understand the deeper things of God; how God created the universe, but it is. It is necessary for us to understand all things. We can't be part of this creation, which is now going forward, unless we know how it is done. We are told in these symbols that on the sixth day, or the sixth movement of the great Mind, man was created, man was brought into expression.

Now, it must be that this universal Divine Mind always existed. We can't conceive a beginning to the Principle of Mathematics, so we can't conceive a beginning to the Principle of Being. But there is a beginning to the expression of the ideas in that
Being's mind, just as in our own minds there is a going forth of certain ideas. These ideas may have slumbered in our consciousness. We may have thought, year after year, that some time, some day, we will do certain things; but these ideas haven't been sent forth as working factors in our life, until we make up our minds that that thing is now being done. Now I am ready to do is! and our ideas then begin to clothe themselves with life and substance and action, and creation begins.

That is exactly what takes place in Divine Mind. We all existed subjectively as ideas always in that Infinite Mind, but the consciousness of self didn't begin until the God said, "Let there be", and there was.
Now, we could, if we had the time, go through each day's creation, and show you the meaning in the Mind of every one of these symbols. In other words, all creation, as we see it externally, represents ideas, and back of everything is an idea; and we never understand the real nature of these things that we see about us until we discern the idea upon which they rest, or the idea which they are bringing forth. We never understand ourselves until we know the ideas existing back of the manifestation. We never heal ourselves of the simplest disease until we know that we rest upon ideas; and that all inharmonies, of whatever character, in our world, are the result of a wrong relation of ideas. So, you see how important it is that we understand this creation.

We study this Scripture and unravel. Let nothing stand
in your way of getting at the real foundation of this Bible, because in it is contained, in symbols, all that you need to know. I wouldn't limit you to the letter of the Scripture, because the letter killeth, but the Spirit giveth life. So that, in the beginning of our study - and that beginning is always - we should know the character of the ideal world. As Paul says, "The things that do appear are made of the things invisible". Ideas then, must have reality; they must be powerful; they must be more than mere mental pictures.

In the study of God and his universe, the first step is to realize that ideas are dynamic - they are substantial; they are powerful, and that only the ideas that are good are real. With these two propositions clearly in our minds, we will begin a new state of consciousness; we will change our base of perception.
Now, people who are always upon the outer realm of life, as the real, have transposed existence. They have reversed the whole object of life. They are not working in bringing forth God's creation according to the law. When your mind begins to clear up, and you see the reality of Divine Mind, and that its ideas are substantial and powerful cause of all that is, it is like the light breaking into the darkness. People who live in the outer realms who think only about the reality of the things that they can feel and see, are shutting out the light - they live in the basement of consciousness.

Then the next is a perceptive state. When man comes to that, he moves up onto the first floor. But there is still a higher place yet, and that is the spiritual understanding.
Now we, every one of us, have these three departments of consciousness, and we can all see and understanding, and, with our minds, handle ideas. But we have to think about that proposition, and let go, release from the tension of our mentalities these outer symbols. You have to give them up in your mind, and when you once make up your mind to give up the idea that these external things are real, there is a relaxation of the mind, and you open just as you open your hand - you let go of the ideas of the reality of the material universe; you let go of the idea that God has created a material universe. God doesn't create material things. God creates ideas, and those ideas in their turn take on any phase that the dominant idea in that God creation elects. And that dominant idea is man. Remember that. And if your world is a
material world, lay it to man, to yourself. If you have a body of materiality, it is because your ideas are clothed in your mind with material thoughts. If you want a different kind of a body, you can change it by changing your ideas.

Here, then, we are brought face to face with the practical application of creation, and we see that creation is going on all the time, not only in the world universal, but in the world particular, in our world, in my world.

We are told by Scientists that every little atom, every grain of sand, every cell and every organism, is just like each other cell. These primordial atoms have, or have within them the capacity to bring forth everything that appears. They are just like the figure "1", which multiplies, increasing in their relation to the one cause.
So, as offsprings of the One Creative Mind, we must be, or must have involved potentially in us all that is in that mind, and our mental movements must be just like that Mind. We must have the creative force in us; we must creative in like measure, and, if we follow the law of that Mind, we shall always bring forth Good.

God pronounced all of his creations Good. Why? Because he knew only perfection. In future lessons we will find how man diverged from that perfect idea which exists in him, as the foundation, as the standard of all his thoughts.

Metaphysicians are finding that as they begin creating their world anew, they must hold tenaciously to the Good in Divine Mind, and eliminate all thoughts of evil. If you would bring forth righteousness, you must bring forth according to a good standard, a
good Principle. If you were studying music, you would study harmony, not discord. You would find plenty of discord in your experience. So, in studying Life, let us study the very foundation of things, that is, the Good. If you were wishing to bring forth Health, you would study health, not sickness.

So, in every one of the real things which man is bringing forth, he should put his mind upon the positive side; his ideals should be always of the highest, and he should affirm those ideals as real and true and powerful. I don't care how far you may seem from the realization of the ideals, if you take them right into your inner consciousness and affirm them, as one with the Infinite Mind, they will begin to express themselves.

Now, this is a simple law. It is an epitome of all laws
 summed up, that the ideal is the source of all that is ever man-
ifested in man's life, or the universal; and that that ideal is
clothted upon with Infinite Capacity - all potentiality, all pos-
sibility, and all man has to do is to cling to his ideals as real,
to quit letting them float around as mere vague pictures, unformed,
unsubstantial, and bring them close to him as the real of his being,
and affirm them as having all power in Divine Mind, and in the I Am.
Then, they express themselves in Divine order.

Now, this is the meaning of the bringing forth of man as
the Christ. It is the meaning of man's successful existence, and
when we know the power of our ideals, we will never fail; we will
never have discouragements of any kind, because we know that Om-
nipotence is back of us.
Now, we are beginning a new year. Let us take our highest ideals and, step by step, bring them into manifestation. Let us affirm that the ideal is the real in us, every day, every moment. In face of all discouragements, in face of seeming defeats, hold steadily to your ideal, whatever it may be. Ask whatsoever you will in the name of the I Am, the Christ in you, and it shall be done unto you, if you will only believe. Believe in the seeming unseen, until it stands forth as Substance, as Life, as Intelligence, as Power. Why, all things are possible unto man. Nothing shall defeat him who believes in the power of his ideals.

So, we will begin this joyous new year by taking into our active every-day-minds the very highest we can conceive, and eliminating all opposing conditions, all opposing thoughts, all opposing circumstances.
Now, some people hold to their ideas; they begin clothing them by holding the evil, holding the opposing environment. Drop it all out; dissolve it by saying, "There is no power in any opposing circumstance; no power in any evil condition. There is no power in any disease, any sickness, any weakness. These things are of no account in the sight and in the presence of Omnipotence, and I am the high point of expression in that omnipotent, omnipresent All-powerful Mind. I am one with Almightyness. My environment is God. There is only one reality, one Good, one Power in the universe, and that is Divine Mind, Power, God.

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