

child notion. Literally conceived it leads to childish questions: Is Heaven a place or a state of being? Is it a place in some fixed local direction? How can there be any Above or Below on a planet constantly revolving?

But our child notion, though a misapprehension, is not so bad for a rough working idea—a simple symbol of the truth which the Ascension represents, that the Lord in His spiritual body was passing into the invisible order, returning to that sphere of being from which He came.

We believe that the visible event which we call the Ascension was His kindly condescension to simple human minds. We naturally connect that higher life which is beyond our present comprehension with the blue heavens above, or the starry heights beyond the blue. In concession to this simple thought, instead of just disappearing as at other times, He rose from the earth and a cloud received Him. It only meant that He had passed from our present sphere of existence to another sphere beyond our ken.

So one day came the last interview, the final farewell. He was teaching His last lesson of the things concerning the Kingdom of God. "All power is given unto me in Heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Ghost, teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you. And lo, I am with you alway to the end of the world."

Then He led them out towards Bethany for the final good-bye. And He lifted up His hands in blessing. And while He blessed them He was parted from them