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The Message of Easter Morning.

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"I go to My Father and to your Father, to My God and your God." "I go to prepare a place for you." "I am in My Father and ye in Me and I in you." It is as though He said: "I am one of yourselves. It is the life we share in common that is immortal." And so we find Him taking up this idea with which man had been struggling for ages, and certifying its truth.

The greatest and most potent ideas of humanity are not the result of its reason, but rather of that inspiration of God by which the convictions of the race have issued from the crucible of its life and experience. Reason has discovered none of the principles that have from the first, moved men the most profoundly. Reason corrects their distortions and exaggerations, but it sits humbly by during their discovery.

This great process by which the race has forged its convictions is more than science or art. These may defend, correct or beautify them. It is more than book or institution. These may embody or interpret them. Call it by what other name you like it is the inspiration of Almighty God.

It would be a futile thing if man with all his aspirations, with his life so largely governed by considerations that reach into the hereafter, should, after all, be the victim of a gigantic deception. It would be folly to bring a beautiful flower to perfection and then to destroy it. It contradicts all our thought of God to think that he would spend countless ages in bringing man to perfection only to pass him into black extinction.

"Who forged that other influence, that heart of inward evidence, by which he doubts against the sense?"

He seems to hear a Heavenly Friend, and through thick veils to apprehend a labor working to an end. "This life whereof our nerves are scant, Oh life, not death, for which we pant."

God will not crush out what He himself has planted in us. Rather does He encourage us to a firmer confidence in our immortality in the words of Jesus "Be not afraid."

T. J. J. faith of ours is true then. By the authority of Jesus, by the universality and pertinacity of its own testimony, and by the implied testimony of God, its origin. These words rise into the prominence they deserve and speak peace to our hearts.

But let us not forget that these words were spoken to the affectionate rather than to the judgment for it was their love and fidelity that drew the women there in the early morning.

Wherever there beats a heart in

loneliness for one departed, there let these confident and cheerful words of Jesus come to comfort and to reassure. "Be not afraid."

That friend with whom you held high converse on great things, whose coming to your fireside was a benediction, whose voice from beside you and whose letters from afar were among the days' delights—He has stepped from the path down which you walked through life together. But one day the broken strands of truth and life will be taken up again with clearer thought and higher purpose.

Yonder in the Bermudian lily fields they cut the larger blossoms off in order to send back the life into the bulb for greater beauty in another clime. Although this is only a poor analogy, may it not serve to render more credible the thought that God removes the flower of many strong and beautiful lives here that in another time and place, those lives may show a greater beauty?

A gentle Presence comes to us in our hours of loneliness. We too hear: "Be not afraid."

Jesus loved to say "Be not afraid." They were familiar words to His friends. Across the dark tumult of Galilee where the disciples labored in their little bark to reach some haven came the blessed voice "Be not afraid." And who so faithful among us to-day, as we toil, across the troubled sea of life, alone and weary, that he cannot hear those words that have cheered the hearts of thousands: "Be not afraid."

Among the many aspects of nature by which she touches the hearts of men, none have a greater power to stir their depths than the solemn splendor of the Autumn and the bursting life of the Spring.

God must have some purpose in thus using nature to move us so deeply. If by the Autumn He would remind us of our mortality and death, by the Spring He would remind us of our immortality and regeneration. Let us not wrong our Creator by ignoring His messages to us. For through the rich horizons of the future, deep laden with His forgiving mercy, come the argosies of God. Let us hail them with joy into the harbor of our lives.

Yonder in the blue deep of heaven, the waterfowl hastens to obey the mysterious impulse that summons it, a stranger here, to its distant home. How much more shall we respond to God's call and, though we were dead, become alive again, though lost be found.

He who from zone to zone Guides through the boundless sky In the long way that I must tread alone Will lead my steps aright.

REV. CANON BOLT.

THE RESURRECTION HOPE.

If it be asked what is the distinguishing characteristic of Christianity from all other beliefs, the answer is the "Hope" which the Resurrection of Christ from the dead brings to us. It was this "Hope" which supported the early Christians amid all their difficulties and persecutions, and which enabled them to look beyond the things which are seen.

True, a belief in the immortality of the soul existed before Christ came, but the belief in the future life held by the ancients, differed greatly from that which became current among Christians after their Master's Resurrection. Even to the best and wisest of the old world, the thought of a future life brought little comfort. An existence beyond the grave was a fate to escape from rather than to be borne. And if the most devout philosphers could not pierce the mist which hung around the grave, what have been the despair of the ordinary man as his loved ones were consigned to the tomb, the tomb from which there was no awakening, in which he buried all his hopes and plans?

The great difference between Christianity and Paganism was, that Christianity looked forward, while Paganism looked backward. The religions of Greece and Rome placed their Golden Age in the past with its glories long since passed away. The future was a blank. The Golden Age of the Gospel was, in the future. Amid all the trials and distractions of life, the eye of the Christian could pierce the future, where he could see a new heaven and a new earth wherein would dwell righteousness. The religions of heathendom were religions of regret. The Gospel is a Gospel of Hope.

And it was the Resurrection of Christ from the dead which wrought this change. Death had hitherto been the great barrier to men's hopes, and now death was conquered. The stone was rolled away from the door of the sepulchre. And so while the heathen could only look out upon the world of nature, and see confirmation of his dark forebodings, the Christian apostle could in the same world of nature see evidence of man's immortality. If day deepened into night, the darkness of night would be followed by the bright dawn. If summer glided into autumn, and autumn into winter, the winter was not the end. In its time would come the bright and fresh springtime when all nature would arise once more to new life.

The very plants which before seemed to speak to men of decay and death now reminded them of resurrection and life, and man, the noblest creature of God, he too would rise again, and so instead of a lament over his grave for his life which was forever closed, we have a paean of triumph for the life which had in reality only begun.

For the Resurrection of Christ, teaches not only the immortality of man, but that death leads to life and that it is the entrance, and the necessary entrance to a higher and more vigorous life. "Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die it abideth alone, but if it die it bringeth forth much fruit."

This was the hope which supported the early Christians amid all their many and great trials, and this must be the motive power of Christian lives now. And never was that "Hope" more needed than to-day. Never did men need that anchor of the soul both sure and steadfast than now. As we think of all that is taking place to-day on the fields of Europe; as we contemplate the sacrifice of lives being poured out that right may prevail; as we think of the bereaved in their sorrow and loneliness; and as perhaps we are tempted to think, in view of all the suffering that we behold, that Christianity has failed of its purpose, as we think of life cut short, of great hopes extinguished, of vast usefulness arrested, of high powers given only to be taken away, let us reflect that nothing is lost, nothing has been in vain, what seems to us incompleteness, and failure, is but the carrying out of the Divine plan. Let us learn afresh the Easter Message that death is but the entrance to life; that Christianity points us to the future rather than to the past, and with such thoughts let us go forth to our daily work chastened and renewed in spirit, in the "living Hope" which is ours by the Resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.



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The Lokal Anzeiger of Berlin, announced yesterday that the war levy on the town of Suwalki had been increased to \$25,000, and that Crodnio had been bombed by airmen as reprisals for the "plunder and persecution" at Memel, east Prussia, by the Russians. It was stated that other retaliatory measures would be taken.

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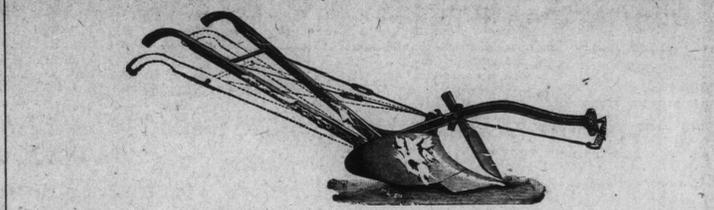


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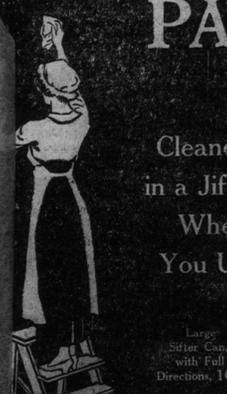
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