

gave this heavenward impulse to the world? A new power has been brought to bear upon its destinies—a power from on high is attracting it upward to itself. The power from beneath is mighty to drag us down; the power from on high is mightier to draw us up. This is a great idea of Christianity—the power of other worlds is making itself felt in this. Physically we know that this earth is subject to the attraction of other planets; the orbit of the world in space is determined by the power of other worlds acting upon it. The same fact holds true spiritually; this world is subject to the power of other worlds, its course through time is determined by powers extraneous to itself. There is a power working mightily in the children of disobedience, and the source of it is in darker regions than our own. But at last another power has come to the field, a power from on high; the contest must be long and terrible; but the higher power is gradually winning, and will, by degrees, deliver the world from the grasp of evil. On the day of Pentecost, according to the prediction of the text, there came a rush of power from eternity, and it is still working in our midst, upheaving society, revolutionising the world. It fills me with hope, and even with inspiration, to think that the power of the higher world has come to rescue this; that forces other than human are remoulding society.

2. Here it is called "*the power of the Holy Ghost.*" I want you to try and realise that. The disciples were to receive into their souls Divine power—not the power that comes from learning or culture, but the

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