

COMMENTS

With the great struggle for political freedom will come the still greater demand for unchallenged freedom of thought in every field within the range of mind. In the coming storm, the church will have to widen its vision to comprehend the whole vista of life, or humanity will be held back a century. When and where did our divine Master ever say that there was nothing more in heaven or earth to be revealed? Is not every great life challenged by a new and mightier inspiration to live so as to give a new revelation to a listening age?

I see the spectres of old idolatries, traditions and creeds hastening down the darkness in confusion and dismay, while a new sweetness and a fuller light melts the morning star of a new age into the glory-light of justice, love and peace. I see the church rising to an inspiration higher than all its institutions, creeds, and shibboleths, and responding to the visioned concept of the unity of life.

This revelation from the Twentieth Plane will meet with opposition from the custodians of the past, the high priests of autocracy in church and state, but, as Emerson said to me on May 5th:

"If the Twentieth Plane book is published, I want it to brave the keen of criticism as the dreadnought traverses the ocean of your plane, fearless, dauntless, strong. It will be the beacon-light along the coast of time to many a soul, so in the philosophy of self-reliance, let that book rely on its intrinsic merit for the fame that will come as a just gift to truth."

If I have rightly interpreted the teaching of the Twentieth Plane, the old foundations of life remain, but need new interpretation. The law of love-sacrifice stays, but demands expression of power in every life. The doctrine of the last judgment reverts to the teaching of Jesus:

"I judge no man. The words that I speak unto you, these shall judge you."

The doctrine of hell is simply a statement of the necessity of