

the leading races of the world be his religion. But, as I have shown you, he continued to live at once, and never ceased. Glowing hearts, transfigured by his presence, have recognized him. Devoted followers, apostles, martyrs, saints, have always followed him and tried to carry out his purpose. No one in the world lives so really, so widely, so powerfully as Jesus.

When he spoke to the apostles he said he would come again. They thought he would come again just as he had been, their master, their friend, to reign over them and all the world. It was very natural that they should understand him in this way. But that wonderful story of Jesus which we call the Gospel according to St. John, written, we suppose, about seventy years after the Resurrection, shows that by that time his followers had begun to understand that he came again at once through the Spirit, and had been with them, as he said, ever since. The word which was used for this coming, *Parousia*, means Presence. He is present and will be present all the days until the end, as he said. But it also meant coming, or advent,¹ and the first believers were

¹ *Parousia* in the papyri is the term for a royal or official visit, equivalent to the Latin *adventus*.—Deissmann, *Light from the Ancient East*, pp. 372-379.