

Fifth Week

First Day

In Rhythm With the Universe

The easiest, most effortless motion is falling. And yet it is the most powerful. In fact the only perpetual motion one can conceive of—which would be in any sense practical—is the motion of the waterfall, whose water is continually drawn up from the earth by the sun and continually falls back to the rocks and streams...All of the machinery of the world is in some way propelled by this rising and falling process of water which can be converted into steam or electricity and turn wheels. The movements of the stars in their courses, of the earth swinging in its orbit about the sun, and the moon about the earth—all are continually falling, falling, and always in their prescribed courses.

We in our little individual experiences find that the most propelling motions are essentially falling ones. But unfortunately these motions do not seem to be easy and continuous and automatic. We have to be primed, cranked, re-started, otherwise we soon “run down” or fall on our faces instead of our feet. But if we were perfectly attuned to God’s laws, had man never fallen out of Eden, perhaps we would not have to be thus “catching ourselves” all the time. If we were as surrendered to the Light of God as the water is to the sun, we too could come up over every problem which confronts us.

Perhaps when we die and go to heaven we shall find there that we need only fall easily and naturally—but always into perfect alignment with God, into perfect relationships with others, into loves that are divinely reciprocated, falling, falling...into great big beautiful realms of consciousness where happiness and glory come from the Power to bless mankind. Could there be a happier conception of heaven? Indeed I think the saint must be one who has so completely given himself to God that he need only keep falling forever, in rhythm with the universal Laws.

And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me. (John 12:32)

And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again.... (John 14:3)

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Second Day

...Of Strawberry Boxes and Vibrations

When I was a small boy my brother and I loved to play with strawberry boxes, and after the strawberry season we were given the whole ones and the broken ones to do with as we wished. The whole boxes made castles, churches and houses. The broken ones we dismantled into strips, and these in turn we broke into various lengths to represent men, cannon, horses and cattle or even furniture and foodstuffs. We fought many a battle against the strawberry-stained Redskins!

I have since discovered that my bother and I were playing the “game” God plays all the time. And when we are attuned to Him, He can break up the vibrations of the universe into the lengths which we need. For instance, when we want stones and lumber for houses, He uses the very long wave lengths (a few vibrations per second), when we want

water or wine, He breaks them smaller. Music comes in still shorter “strips,” light and electricity are virtually pulverized, and magnetism and gravity—forces that hold the universe together—are composed of the most infinitesimal wave lengths.

Scientists say that a single spoonful of water contains enough energy to move our largest steamships across the ocean and back—if we could break up its vibrations sufficiently. We already know that a piece of uranium, shattered into atoms, will blast a city to ruin.

Yes, it all goes back to the strawberry boxes and vibrations. Give a small boy some strawberry boxes and a creative imagination, and he will build a “world.” Give God the love of a son, and He can break it up into the most powerful force in the universe, transforming the son himself into a new creature and the world in which he lives into a new creation.

Behold, I will make thee a new sharp threshing instrument having teeth: Thou shalt thresh the mountains, and beat them small, and shalt make the hills as chaff. Thou shalt fan them, and the wind shall carry them away, and the whirlwind shall scatter them: And thou shalt rejoice in the Lord, and shalt glory in the Holy One of Israel. (Isaiah 41:15-16)

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Third Day

And God Saw That It Was Good

Light is the source of all life. The earth was created from the sun, as though projected from its womb, and ever since has turned back toward the source of its creation like a child seeking to derive its sustenance from its mother’s breast. And all that grows upon the earth looks toward the sun for life.

The lily of the field is blessed with some primary inner alchemy which converts the light of the sun directly into its life. But the cow and sheep have not this same primary alchemy, and so they turn to the lily, and to other growing plants of the field, for their sustenance. The sun which filters through the porous blades of the grasses enters the flesh and blood of flocks which graze in the fields.

Man, still further removed from the elementary alchemy of nature, cannot be satisfied with eating grass and other products of the field, so he turns to cattle and sheep—beef and mutton—and thus takes the sustenance of the sun thirdhand for his consumption.

All things, insofar as they wish to live, find themselves dependant upon the sun.

Now prayer in its simplest form is just looking up toward the Son of God as the Source of Light and Life. Unfortunately we often build sheds of resentment or fear or indifference over our heads, and live in shadow much of our lives. And yet if we could step out directly under the Son, and yield ourselves like the lily to His Light, we would be as carefree and content as children in homes of happiness.

Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin: And yet I say unto you, that even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which to-day is, and to-morrow is cast into the oven, shall he not much more clothe you, O ye of little faith? Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? Or, What shall we drink? Or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed?...For your heavenly father knoweth that ye have need of all these things. (Matthew 6:28-32)

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Fourth Day

Because They Loved Me

Who made me?
Those who love me!
God, first, because He loves me the most;
My parents next, because they loved me next—
And their love brought me into being.

But when I was “born” was I created?
Not wholly; my creation had just begun.
For I am created anew every day, every hour that I live,
Since each one who loves me re-creates me in his heart.
Yes, he carries me in the womb of his thoughts, in his love—my embryo soul—
And sends me forth anew with every breath he breathes.

As long as I have friends to love me the process of my creation continues.
As friends increase and as their love for me deepens
I can express that Love outward, in ever-widening circles.
For as Love is infinite, so is its expression.
And each day that confronts me brings more glorious, inexpressible rapture!

And how much have all my efforts achieved?
Nothing!
They are not mine at all, but yours—you who created me.

And this, out of a heart of gratitude, shall be my prayer:
That I in my day may create many reborn souls with you who love me.
You and God and I, breathing our prayers together,
Will bring them to rebirth.
It will be our secret partnership with God—
The three of us in One—and you and I are part of Creation,
Linked with the spheres...by that Love which is
In Jesus Christ.

And God said, let us make man in our image, after our likeness, and let him have dominion... over all the earth. (Genesis 1:26)

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Power in Stillness

The material world is a sort of mirrored semblance of the spiritual world. But from a material point of view everything in it is exactly the reverse of what it would be from a spiritual point of view.

Stillness in the physical or material realm, for instance, spells lethargy. Stillness in the spiritual or heavenly realm spells ecstasy. The silence of the dunce and the silence of the saint are not the same silences.

Motion in the physical realm involves varying degrees of friction. The old buggy traveling seven miles an hour over a bumpy country road has more jerk and bounce than a modern car traveling sixty miles an hour on cushion tires. A train running on carefully laid tracks has still less friction in contact with the ground, and an airplane rising above the earth attains the smoothest motion of all. But in the spiritual realm no friction exists, and the stiller we are, the faster we are actually moving.

Thus, the world would be far more creative and far less wasteful if every man, woman and child spent more time in meditation and prayer, and less time in so-called active, productive efforts. For in the very Center of the greatest motion of all, which is Love, all desires are fulfilled, everything is accomplished at the right time, every word spoken is the right word, and two or three hours of work a day would be sufficient to bring together the producer and the consumer, the writer and the reader, the speaker and the audience. And the "wise and prudent" would then indeed be amazed at the wealth and peace and joy which the world contains.

Be still, and know that I am God. (Psalm 46:10)

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Sixth Day

The Inspired Counselor

Perhaps with the analogy of the stereoscope we can understand better the secret process by which the Kingdom comes into manifestation on Earth. Christ explained it perfectly in the Sermon on the Mount, and yet we often have difficulty comprehending his full meaning.

In the stereoscope there are two miniature panes of optical glass through which one looks, not at just one picture, but at two pictures of the same scene. Yet the two are not taken from exactly the same point of view. One is taken a few paces to the right of the

other. The two pictures are similar in that they represent the same scene, and yet dissimilar in that they are taken from separated standpoints. But in each case two images merge giving the effect of one. And when your eyes get into focus (or as Jesus put it, “when your eye is single”) you find that you are no longer looking at a flat view, but as it were through a doorway into a new world with heights and depths and shadows. Indeed you may be tempted to step through the doorway and stroll down the country lane or city street that opens before you. In other words, a couple of two-dimensional pictures brought into focus under the principle of dynamic symmetry, open for you a three-dimensional world.

Now when two persons, a teacher and pupil, come together, and are in tune with each other, seeking a common goal in love and trust and joy, new vistas of the true, the beautiful and the good open continually before them.

Let Christ be your teacher and learn of him through his words. Because you cannot stand just where he stood, you will take your picture from a little different point of view. But because you are looking together, you will discover the Realities of Heaven right here on earth.

And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions....And I will shew wonders in the heavens and in the earth. (Joel 2:28, 30)

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Seventh Day

Whatsoever You Ask in My Name

Jesus said that anything, any miracle, could be accomplished if asked in his NAME. To Jesus the Name or the Word signified the entire being—the whole idea, the perfect totality. To him, each individual should be considered as a whole individual, and not as a fragmentary one. In short, he should be considered as a man and not as a publican or sinner or fisherman or husbandman. And when a person is totally united with God he becomes as it were the entire universe conscious at one point. Christ told people they could become sons of God. And when he told them this he gave them a new awareness, a sense of unity with God and each other, which when fully comprehended is called the “kingdom consciousness.”

But unfortunately no one except the Master himself achieved a complete realization of his sonship. Indeed there was begotten in him from birth this consciousness of oneness with the Father. A philosopher might say that Jesus was “the universe conscious at one point.” For with such a realization he became a channel through which all the power of the universe could flow.

And so Jesus promised continually that anything we could ask for with *his* consciousness, would be granted us.

Verily, verily, I say unto you, whatsoever ye shall ask the father in my name, he will give it you. Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name: Ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full. (John 16:23-24)

