

APPROACH

Man in Life and Space

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THERE MAY be ears for which the word has a despicable ring. It sounds like surrender, dishonourable weakness or even cowardice. But there is much more to it than this, and the law behind it. It is a strange law, this law of giving way. And it works all around us, all the time. Properly viewed, it has nothing to do with dishonour, cowardice or lack of courage, characteristics which are in a different plane altogether. On the contrary, in fulfilling this law much courage is required of us, much patience and much effort.

We have considered inner detachment and weighed the necessity of meeting life's challenges. What is the position when we are right under fate's heavy hand, apparently neither able to detach ourselves nor to view it as a challenge? - Where one thing is, another cannot be; one has to give way. Where force meets force one will have to give way sooner or later - unless the mere resistance on the same level is replaced by a higher class of energy which assimilates the first. Thus if personal circumstances and burdens seem overwhelming there is as little sense in putting up a fight of resistance as there is in dejected surrender. The good sense of submission, instead, is first to accept the lot fallen unto oneself and then, not to give IN but to give WAY; to remove oneself by rising to the higher, detached viewpoint, to set a task unto oneself by understanding the challenge involved. Detaching oneself is, in this instance, removing oneself as the target of fate's attack - which we ourselves have brought upon us at one stage or other, be it in this or a former lifespan. Thus it being OUR INITIAL responsibility WE MUST accept it now as our present package in all its effects. But in acknowledging it as what it is we have made the decisive step. For a while that fate will still have a hold on us. If we adjust and accommodate ourselves, fulfilling our daily duty, we gradually will tap off fate's reckless punch and dissipate its forces, just as the snow glides off from a branch, having overdone its burdening. Fulfilling the challenge to its letter first, we then shall grow to master it. This kind of submission prepares for our later extrication, the initial acceptance for subsequent changes of circumstances as well as of ourselves.

If we hold on to this attitude, we are bound to rise in time above any lot that might have befallen us, to leave behind any burden, and one day to leave behind even - death.

EAST LONDON. "...With reference to your article on Dr Lobsang Rampa that he took over the body of another person, you will find full details of Zarathustra taking over the body of Jesus in a similar manner described in Rudolf Steiner's wonderful book 'The Gospel of St Luke' pp 97 & 122... If you read this book you will be able to give your readers more authoritative information on the mysterious taking over of human bodies by adepts, avatars and high mystics. Very few people have ever heard of such a thing and hence think it out of the question. - I like APPROACH very much and wish it could be bigger and in magazine format. Let's hope it won't be long...": E.B.

+++Readers will greatly appreciate the information given, so thank you very much, E.B. - As a point of interest, regarding 'authoritative': it has often been validly said that sometimes it is very difficult to decide what is authoritative & what is not. One day we are going to discuss all this more fully. In the case of Steiner who after much clashing of views with Madame HP Blavatsky's finally seceded to form his own movement on the continent, and who had no link with the Masters, doubt had to be cast on the authoritativeness of the sources of many of his statements. It is generally agreed that this does not distract from his extraordinary personality and the much good work his forceful character did initiate and instigate to this very day. 'By their fruits ye shall know them' - and his work yielded richly.

Thanks too, EB., for the good wishes. Unfortunately, we are still far from being in the position to think of a bigger magazine. As a matter of fact, despite sacrifices and donations we do need 50 subscribers more to guarantee APPROACH's future on the present basis. So, friends, please remember APPROACH whenever you meet open-minded people as prospective subscribers. Let's secure our Review's present basis by finding 50 new readers before the year is out!.. Agreed?

SOMEWHERE ON THE RAND. "...I am finding it difficult to get books from the Library. My niece works there and she tells me that there is no demand for the UFO and Space books so they do not keep them. She has promised to get a few from the State Library... I shall never forget the day I bought 'Inside the Space Ships'. My husband said 'You always tell me you have got nothing to wear but next time you complain I'll just tell you to wear Mr Adamski's book!' My husband does not share my interest in Fl.S.... I wish to take this opportunity to thank you for our very interesting magazine and I can assure you I lap it all up. I have only just finished reading 'The Third Eye', and I noticed that the author believes in Evolution. I never have but I would like to know whether I have been wrong. Otherwise there was nothing in the book I found hard to believe, although I must admit that it was rather disturbing to me...": S.

+++They employ a clever little idea at the State Library here to stimulate interest in good books: the dust covers of new titles received are displayed in a show-case. Sometimes people start to take interest in things as soon as these are pushed right in front of their... Friends should keep asking at their libraries for 'our line' and make suggestions wherever possible. - Yes, how well do we know of that Saucer Curtain that cuts across associations, friendships and families! So dear S., you are not alone in your - well no, it is not a plight! - Don't let us get the idea that we are suffering or have to suffer, martyrdom or anything else, even should it come to skirting ourselves with the more, or lesser, valuable volumes of saucer literature! There will always be a way how to stand by our searchings and findings without giving offence left or right.

But don't let us get the other idea either that we ought or should have to convince the other one. We have not. Each one of us took a certain length of time to arrive at our inner certainty (and which does not maintain an equal strength

in everyone every day!), so we have to grant others that same period for their development. What we ought to do is to quietly, faithfully translate our convictions into active and practical living. We have to be centre points or broadcasting stations of invisible influence by ourselves setting the example first! The great work always begins with and within ourselves. From there on let us never forget: only deepest sympathy, friendliness, consideration, loving kindness and selfless service can overcome and conquer - that is to say, deeds alone, quietly done, not words. Thirdly, we must not get the idea that it depends on us alone what courses other people will take. Their inner man is active within themselves just as our's is within us. Let us put some trust in the inner man within our fellow-beings and for the rest have patience, much patience. Then only we are not so likely to fail, not even in our own family.

Evolution, yes. It is not difficult to see that nature has evolved our material vehicle on the basis of its earlier achievements, all the way down the ladder. The same applies to physiological and other functions. On this point there has never been disagreement between the teachings of ancient wisdom and Western science. But the material vehicle is not all. There are others placed before this one, Approach - September, 1958

with, at last, the spiritual entity infolded in the core. This has always been denied by Western evolutionary theories, most strongly by its purely mechanistic wing: with them, mind was a by- or end product of matter and our material vehicle, while cosmic science knows better. Material evolution is the outward projection, echo, manifestation, expression of the inner, spiritual evolution WHICH IN EVERY RESPECT PRECEDES development on the material plane.

Moreover, before anything can evolve it must first have been involved. Thus, the "Act of Creation" was never one of instantaneous, sudden shaping but one of long involvement with a balance or turning point, somewhere, sometime, whence evolution (back to God) began. - The ape is not our forefather nor are we his. But unhappy creatures exist on this planet who still bear witness to various lines of man having degenerated, having gone backwards instead of unfolding forwards. In "Inside the Space Ships" as well as in "The Third Eye" more has been said about all this. - It is as erroneous as it will ever be futile to search for a 'missing link'. It cannot be found as there has never existed one. In other words, that unfolding (Jacob's) ladder holds as many materialized forms as there are spiritual stages of evolvment. Amongst them: ape AND man.

A Point, a Theme and my Angle

Fear makes blind! It seems this word has never been truer than in our time. The threat of a third world war has for a long time been above our heads. Blinded by fear and deluded by the achievements of modern technology, man holds on to possible space travel as a solution to all his troubles. What a welcome distraction, relieving him of having to constantly look at the seriousness of the situation - and its causes! Can our troubles really be over once we have reached the moon? I wonder! As things stand today, it will be sick, blood-cancerous creatures which may or may not reach the moon at a far-off date.

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For years far-sighted scientists have told us of the radiation danger brought about by nuclear bomb testing. Man, blinded by fear and scared of the undisclosed intentions in his fellow-being's mind, clings to the devilish device as if they offered the sole refuge from his folly. He goes on digging his grave with them, KNOWING THAT IT IS THE GRAVE! Blinded by fear in a situation where armed nation confronts armed nation, he dare not let go of the tool which spells his doom.

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Prof Dr Franz Baur, German expert on this subject, recently reminded listeners that even if

nuclear tests were stopped today the balance between radioactive Strontium 90 taken into and discharged from the body would only be reached in 1977. Deposited in the bones like calcium, it interferes with blood building, has already led to many cases of blood cancer. In over 1,000 deceased persons Sr 90 has been found in their bones. Its concentration in milk - via bomb fall-out, rain, soil, grass, animal body - is steadily increasing. There is no saying what concentrations might still be reached in humans, with coming babies having to suffer most.

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When in out-of-season rains falling in California in April this year, Berkeley University scientists wiped the roofs of their cars, up to 20,000 countings of irradiation per minute were read from the wet rags. On roofs contaminated by the rains they counted 60,000 per minute per sq.ft., which is 600 times higher than the US Atomic Energy Co.'s safety coefficient laid down, for instance, for potable water. All these interesting titbits have been withheld from the press! Why? Man, blinded by fear.

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Paradoxically enough, man trying to escape from all this into his version of space exploration might yet be saved - from space! But the figure he cuts, in his ignorance and fear, is pathetic!

Visit to Venus:

REVIEWING Dr. RAMPA's ACCOUNT

IN OUR concluding comments on Dr. Lobsang Rampa's report of his first visit to the humanity of planet Venus (APPROACH Nos. 4, 5) we hinted at the faint feeling of familiarity with the more outward circumstances as described - echos of a deeper knowledge within us of the true position. Important as they are, however, their significance for our inner growth is smaller. The real benefit lies less in external facts but more in implications.

We have been familiar also, mainly through GA's writings, with the meaning of the 'cosmic language of thought'. The rôle this medium of exchange plays on higher worlds has been clearly brought out in the author's account. This language is dependent on a wakeful, alert mind, on an organ over which absolute and permanent mastership has been established. It works only with the controlled participation of the individual concerned - just as is the case with our languages when we speak them. For uncontrolled talking - be it in sleep, or in trance - is, if not plainly unintelligible, certainly meaningless. If the mind tires or is turned toward other things, telepathic calls may not come through - even amongst Masters; the Broad One remarked upon the long time he had been trying to contact the 5 lamas when the party was preparing an evening meal. How difficult must it be for ordinary mortals to master this communicative instrument who generally are far from having alert AND purified brains and minds. Once however, that higher level of develop-

ment is reached, telepathic communication becomes a common two-way link between intelligent beings.

Before discussing 3 or 4 special points let us repeat shortly why we accept Dr. Rampa's books and articles while at the end we shall consider the type of claims we reject! We have satisfied ourselves by analysis of his writings and exchange of correspondence with himself that here does speak an authority! Apart from his sincerity (which, in the UFO field, many count for little) and the obvious brilliance of his mind (which, in an individual, defines quality and the scope of its knowledge) the stamp of consistency with subtler points in ancient wisdom is the most essential asset in all that he has given out. These are distinctions which can hardly be equalled in the West, and for us they suffice.

The Tibetan nobleman's account gives many answers to questions that have been in people's minds. It is good to study them now and again, and then to register one's own growth of understanding and inner progress.

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1. The Broad One disclosed why the party of lammas were taken to Venus at all; he said i.a.: "... that your lives be brightened by the knowledge" (denoting the personal reward) and, "so that you can bring influence to bear..." (the new task they are charged with in their service to mankind). Such are the motives that govern the guidance of lesser evolved beings by those of higher order. We may assume that Tibetan Masters have frequently been taken to other stars they being the custodians of cosmic tradition on earth. As was said in "ItSS", others here and there have also been taken, amongst them no doubt men like Enoch, Moses, Ezekiel and, as we suspect, even Paul. Remember, though, that not anybody is favoured with a journey but only those who have earned this by their work upon themselves. We may conclude from this that various types of contact claimants are just not true where they have no other mastership to show us than, at best, one over mere words!

2. It is significant that Rampa should have underlined that no killing is done on advanced levels of existence, and that animal products are avoided as nutriment. Thus once again we are reminded that advancement is possible only on the basis of non-killing, and a meatless diet devoid too, of milk, cheese, eggs, i.e. animal proteine sources. It is still time for us to find our personal approach to such way of living, with its inherent promise of the best possible protection against dangers of radioactivity and a lot of other risks yet to come.

3. Purity and beauty go together; there is no place for ugliness of body or mind in advanced humanities. Didn't we know this too, long ago as now and again we do meet a living example of this truth amongst ourselves on earth? We also see why it is unthinkable that such earthlings as well as the 'angels' from other planets should not be beautiful - following as they do the universal laws or "the ways of the Lord". Man knowing this has consequently always 'longed' for the angels.

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Now that they come to reveal themselves here once again, clever psychoanalysts - Dr C. G. Jung not excluded - turn round to say they are mere "projections" of desperate people "trying to escape from reality". No, on the contrary! Because man has, in the "common unconscious", remembered the beautiful people from space (whence he himself once came), knowing that in their direction lay the salvation, those on earth recognizing them today naturally associate themselves with them and these 'new' cosmic facts! Granting some exceptions, they are no escapists and do not have hallucinations! So let us forget 20th Century's erring psychology and rather now than never start living clean lives, in nourishment and in mind, with our eyes lifted to the beacon of cosmic beauty. If all did, things would come right in no time, psychology's mental homes left redundant.

4. Stemming from soul's innermost urge to unfold and mind's to learn ever more of truth, man has always longed, too, for revelation. The extent to which truth is given corresponds to the maturity of the recipient. Those who have laboured to reach its portals and knock, unto them will be opened. So it is little wonder that the visit to Venus should have culminated in that 'film' lecture in the Hall of Knowledge. As we can only conjecture as to how, technically, such vast re-

Pretoria friends are reminded of our get-together on Wednesday, 24th, at 8 o'clock, Hotel Boulevard, upstairs

cording of earth's history and future is done, it is befitting not to intrude upon the Masters' privileged experien-

ces by idle speculation. It is superfluous too, to make wild guesses at what the planetary situation will be like in the year 3,000 but rather important to engrave the Broad One's concluding words upon our mind.

It becomes clear that the Brothers are not only watching us; they are guarding us - and no doubt to an extent themselves - against our own follies. They are opposing destructive intellectual tendencies with all the attendant political and social consequences by employing their superior

knowledge of cosmical laws. There are organised powers on earth which work against the unfoldment of man's free soul, applying that age-old doctrine of denying man's freedom so to set themselves up as tyrants over him. Those who can see through this time-honoured scheming will want to fall in with the efforts of our relatives and friends in space. Masters may work by telepathy. Common us will, 24 hours around the clock, just try to be true to our inner man. The Brothers above use those spiritual and other means as are appropriate to their level and truly (we do hope now not to be misconstrued as establishing a new cult when we say:) their work is holy business!! Let us play our part in this heavenly plan by faithfully re-learning the cosmic laws which we have so long been neglecting! We will be helped to the same extent that we try to reform ourselves. Ultimately it is the degree of man's own effort down here which will determine the measure of their assistance in our planet's coming calamities. While then mankind as a whole will be down on its knees, let us at least begin our share today, advancing ourselves by working for the good of all in selfless dedication.

A final word before we part. What has been told us is precious knowledge. Let us treat it as such and with respect. It is not without reason that to the Tibetans our Brothers are still the 'gods'. This they had been to the Indo-Arians as well as the Atlanto-Egyptians, Greeks, Romans and others. Our time is sober, cold of feeling in its matter-of-factness. But then it was said just for this time that pearls must not be cast before swine. So what we have learned now we must use with discrimination, ever more ready to live it and never to boast of it.

I shudder to think, too, of how all this will in future months come back to us through the ever ready telephone-and-switchboard operators of psychicism! They will, unbeknownst to themselves,

incorporate it in 'teachings' and 'messages', augmenting, enlarging, mixing it up, deluding and misleading those who innocently take their fabrications at face value! Friends, forever remain alert, critical yourselves; then in time all the false prophets will be demasked, the mere dreamers unveiled. Be wary of third party, mediumistic or so-called 'telepathic' enlightenings, receptions through 'channels', 'contacts' and 'controls'. These means are not used other than by, actually, uncontrolled psychic minds, by astral corpses or an occasional space traveller from lesser developed stages. The UFO field is virtually drowned by the downpour from psychic realms, this to such an extent that even highly reputable saucer magazines constantly fall for each new splashing in the psychic pond. Claims from psychic originators and pathological dreamers have reached legion; **THEY ALL CONTRADICT THEMSELVES AND NO 2 SYSTEMS OF PURPORTED REVELATIONS ARE ALIKE!** Therefore we should give all such claims the widest berth; they are taken from mid-air and there they belong. There they would hang forever unless we suffered ourselves to believe in them.

Thus let us remember that Jesus CAME IN PERSON, that Buddha's lips moved visibly while he spoke, that the Masters of all ages were tangible humans walking amongst men. Ashtar, however, and the whole train of space commanders, 'Heavenly Fathers', 'Apostles', 'Archangels' and 'Jesuses' **WILL NEVER SET FOOT ON THIS PLANET** for the simple reason that **THEY DO NOT EXIST**, anywhere else than in the trance minds of good-hearted, sincere but one-sidedly developed individuals! When it comes to teaching and genuine messages then, you may rest assured, our Brothers or their ambassadors **WILL MEET US FACE TO FACE**, not through psychic vortexes or phantasmagoria. As it is, their time is not yet. So let us heed the words from one of them who 2000 years ago and in this very context has said what is written in St Mark 13 : 21, 22.