

# The Greater World

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## SPIRIT TRAVELLING.

THREE VERIFIED INSTANCES.

By ERNEST MEADS

In order that our psychic gifts may be developed and employed for the benefit of others, some knowledge of spiritual laws is necessary that faith may be stimulated. Ignorance and narrow-mindedness stand in the way and prevent the inspiring spirits from doing their work as completely as it might be done if the mediums exercised unquestioning faith. I recall words of St. Francis of Assisi, when speaking through a medium:

"Certainly, I have done much mission-work in the spheres through brethren of my order; but, unfortunately, their narrow-mindedness has prevented me from reaching, through their mediumship, those lost souls who were outside the pale of the Church; hence I delight to make use of modern mediums, because through him or her I can reach those who need help, whether or not they professed any form of religion or creed."

We had been employed in the mission-work for some years, but the spirits in distress had been brought or attracted to us; the time had now arrived for us to be sent to them, either in the low spheres of our planet or of some other planet in the universe. So, in order that we might put no obstacle in the way, it was necessary we should realise the possibility of the spirit journeying from the body of the medium either during the hours of wakefulness or during sleep, directed not by us but by the exalted spirits who employ us in our Master's service.

### AN UNEXPECTED VISITOR.

I had given an address in a Spiritualist Church, and on coming down from the platform was accosted by a man who asked me if I knew that I "travelled," for his wife had seen me during that afternoon. At that moment the lady took up the story:

"At lunch to-day my husband suggested that we should go to the Spiritualist Church in the evening, neither he nor I knowing who was to be the speaker. As I descended the kitchen stairs to prepare tea, I saw clairvoyantly two swallows fly towards me and settle in my hair. I walked to the window, opened it and watched them fly away. As I turned back into the room, I saw clearly a man, a stranger, with arms folded, standing by the table, who said in a serious voice: 'Sister, you have done wrong,

you should not have allowed those birds to escape; you should have loved and cherished them. I had a bird sent to me and I have cherished it ever since.'

### THE "GHOST" WHO HAD NOT DIED.

As he faded away, I was given the impression that the birds symbolised spiritual gifts. He was as real to me as you are at this moment, and I told my husband that I should know him again and recognise his voice if I ever saw him or heard him. Imagine my astonishment—when you came upon the platform I recognised in you the man of my vision, and your voice as the one I had heard in my own home! I have never had such an experience before. What were you doing or thinking at about 4.30 this afternoon?"

I replied that at that hour I was having tea with my wife, and that I was as wide-awake as I had been all the afternoon, thinking and talking of nothing in particular.

Within a very short time after this, I was invited to act as chairman at an address to be given by Miss Dorothy Kerin, the heroine of the "Home Hill Miracle." When we met at the meeting, Miss Kerin told me that she had hesitated when the request for her services arrived, and decided to sleep before replying to it. She had just put out the light and settled herself in bed when I walked into the room and, standing at the foot of the bed, said: "I would go, Dorothy, if I were you," which decided her to accept. In this case too I was not conscious of my having travelled in spirit.

### MISS MacCREADIE'S EXPERIENCE.

Within a few days, in the front row at the Steinway Hall sat my dear old friend Miss MacCreadie. After the address she said to me:

"Ernest, I thought you were dead, but seeing your name announced, I came in a cab to see if you were still in your body. Two or three days ago, while I was sitting in my drawing-room, you came in and nodded cheerfully to me. I have seen many astral forms of living mortals, but as a rule they are shadowy and attenuated in appearance; you, however, appeared to be so solid that I thought it must be a spirit form, so I exclaimed: 'Good

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# BURDEN-BEARERS NOW AND IN THE GREAT HEREAFTER.

By ZODIAC,

*A Teacher in the Temple at the Time of Our Lord. (Medium: WINIFRED MOYES, trance.)*

Address given at the Town Hall, Stratford, under the auspices of the Palmerston Christian Spiritualist Temple, on Sunday, May 22nd, 1932.

*Saviour Christ, into Thy hands I commend the spirit of this Thy child.*

My dear children, if I say that joy holds my heart to-night I do but faintly express that deep emotion with which my whole being is filled. For there are many here who greet me with love, there are many here, thank God, who put Christ first in their lives, and so I say that this night is not only one that shall be charged with power, but this night shall sow many seeds in the heart and mind of mankind.

You each one can be as a disciple of the Most High. Whether you are young or old, whether you are strong or weak, you can fill in your portion of the great plan, you can show a bright thread in the tapestry of real life, and when you pass hence you can indeed demonstrate to yourselves and to others that a life lived according to the Will of God is a life that is sweet in every sense of the word.

To-night, dear children, I have been sent to address you for a few moments on that which I name *Burden-Bearers now and in the Great Hereafter*. And I want you in thinking of that phrase to get beneath the surface, to turn over in your minds what it means to be a burden-bearer either in this world or in the stage to come. And while I speak thus I want to remind you that before you donned a body of flesh, as a spirit you had life, you had consciousness in another world, and many of you were burden-bearers then. So it is that when you came to this short but important stage to undertake the discipline of physical life, many of you had already gained something of experience in the art or in the way of carrying burdens for the sake of the sweet by-and-by.

## BURDEN-BEARERS IN OTHER WORLDS.

Yes, there are some here who are burden-bearers in very truth! There are many in this world of yours, not only in that which you name England, but in foreign climes, who are burden-bearers in a sense that would bring dismay to your hearts and minds. Know you not that in those places which you name China and India there are men and women, your brothers and your sisters, who are almost crushed to the ground by the weight of the burden which they carry? Is it God's Will? I answer unto you, no; ten thousand times, no! It is not God's Will that any of His children should be so sore beset! It is not God's Will that the body of flesh should be tortured by disease and no help should be at hand. But over the ages, because the enemies of the Light have gained admission into the earth conditions, so evil abounds, and there are those who at this moment are slowly being starved to death, their bodies are riddled with wounds and they represent something nigh unto an animal. But within the tabernacle of flesh there is a glorious spirit, and that spirit, charged with that which is of God Himself, knows that in a short time the test will be o'er, and that as a freed being it will take its way through the realms of bliss.

But I must not take your thoughts too far away from your own lives, for I have been sent to minister unto you, to give something of explanation and something of comfort and reassurance as well. I want you, brothers, who are finding the road so hard, I want you, mothers and sisters, who feel that the material conditions are almost more than you can bear, I want you all to listen a while whilst I pass on the truth which is of God.

You are burden-bearers—that is a fact, and you

question within, perchance: "Why is it that the load upon my shoulders is so much heavier than the load upon the shoulders of my neighbour?" And I answer: Remember my words! The burden that you bear now by its very weight demonstrates that in the stage before the earth plane you had learned something of endurance, that something of spiritual strength had been made your own! So it is that although you suffer from the economic conditions of this day—and the economic conditions to-day are not according to God's Will—because they have to be faced, to be met and to be endured, so you are piling up for yourselves power for the great Hereafter, when freed from the mind of the body, freed from the physical body, you will see and you will understand. The burden-bearers now are the banner-bearers in the life to come!

## "AGED" PARENTS IN THE SPIRIT WORLD.

Oh go back upon your own little past. Think of those you knew who were beset by trouble. Think of the old man and the old woman who seemed to find no earthly joy at all, and let your hearts rejoice, for the old mother and the old father to-day in the realms of bliss are the door-keepers of those heavens which God has prepared for the ones who love Him and seek to do His Will.

Cannot you see, dear children, that by bearing that great burden now you are gathering together your equipment, you are creating essential tools? And when you pass out of limitation into sweet freedom then, *ah then*, it will be said unto you: Well done, thou good and faithful servant, thou hast been faithful over little things; now I will make thee a governor over much!

So I speak unto you this night, and I remind you that those materially-minded who draw to themselves the things of the earth, who put self first and others last, these may refuse to carry the burdens of physical life, but, alas and alas, when the body is no more they will be the burden-bearers then, and the burden of the past will press them down. The Cross from which they turned, which could have been their staff, that will be missing. They will search for those to give them help, but because the help was spurned while the body held, so, although God's angels will answer them, they will see and they will hear them not; for you cannot build up over the years barriers high, barriers formidable, and then expect when the earth life is no more that those barriers are cast down. Nay, that which man does by wilfulness, by deliberate act that man must destroy—by suffering, by striving, by giving out to others; and at last God's Will for him is done.

## HOW TO RENDER THE ENEMIES POWERLESS.

Children, it seems that I am far away from you and it is the Master's Will that I come amongst you and continue this brief discourse, for I want to impress upon the mind of the body how great is the opportunity *now*, how wonderfully protected you are and how powerless the enemies of the Christ can be *if only you keep your feet on the path of duty, if only your eyes are upon the Cross of Jesus Christ*.

Thus I would take my way down into the great arena (*Zodiac descends from the platform*) and there shall be those who shall give to the instrument I use that love, that healing power which is their own.

Little ones, my love is cast over you all! If you could but grasp what it means to the ones of old to come back in this same way and to say unto those

bound in the earth body: We are friends, we are companions in the great great fight! You know so little, but that is not reproach. Is it not a great and glorious thing to see little with the eyes of the body and yet for the soul within to be able to pierce beyond material conditions and, by faith, to contact with the disciples of old? I say unto you, brother, and I say unto you, sister: Is it not a sign of the Divinity within that there are men and women beset with trouble, there are men and women whose bodies are grievous unto them and yet, out of the strength within, they can say: "I know that God's ways are best, I know that the burden I bear now is working in my spirit's desire; therefore I will stem the word of complaint, I will say to those who pity me: Let your compassion go to the ones who have naught to endure at all!"

#### THE GREAT TAPESTRY OF LIFE.

There are many here who are as freed souls. A few have gathered in, perchance, out of that which man calls curiosity, and I say unto them that they are welcome in the Name of Christ, I say unto them: Your chance has come this night to know the truth. Your troubles may be great, your desires may be high, or the ambition of the earth may hold your heart and mind, but one thing cannot be changed—you are a son, or you are a daughter of the Most High, and the Divine within you is struggling for expression. You are weaving your threads in the great tapestry of Life. What will the record of the past mean for you and for those who love you who have passed beyond the veil? What will it mean in the scheme of things, in the working out of the great, grand purpose and the plan?

There are many here with patient hearts, with willing spirits, there are many here who long to do their very best, and yet in the office, out in the streets, in the home, in the warehouse, there are those around who doubt them, who seem to delight in putting obstacles on their spiritual path. I say to such as these: Let not sorrow hold your heart and mind; you are a burden-bearer, and in God's good time you shall be a treasure-bearer, because you tried to suffer and be strong!

There is much going on that is unseen by man; there is beneath the surface of physical life a great storm brewing and that storm comes out of the rebellious hearts of mankind! Why are they rebellious? Because in many cases those who have had the power have abused that power. So there are those who say: "I care not for law and order, I mean to have, I will not suffer!" Thus the enemies of the Light draw close, and by the rebellion, by fighting against conditions many are shutting off the protection granted by the Most High. I reproach them not!

#### FOR THE WORKLESS.

I say to the workless; I understand your plight. I too wandered in poverty up and down my countryside; I too entered lonely places; I was beaten, I was scourged, and there were those who stoned me, an old man, as I took my way. But there was one thing they could not kill and that was my consciousness of the Presence of Jesus Christ. I had His saving grace, and though the body bled and though my mind was tortured, the Divinity caged within rejoiced in its burden, and physical death was to me the greatest gift that could come to any man. So it can be with you! But fix not your minds upon physical death, rather let your minds ponder upon the great problem of earthly life. How glorious it is when we are free! The problem of earthly life is even as an open book, and in that open book are written the mercy and the love of God!

There are those here who can grasp my meaning, there are those here who have the light within and they give out of that light to others, they seek to pass on the glorious truth to those who have it not.

Burden-bearers they may be, but they have the consciousness of the privilege of the burden, they know that it is only for a short span, they know that life goes on for evermore, they know that by struggling now they are helping their sacred dead, those who have gone in front to prepare the way.

#### THE REAL TRAGEDY BEHIND INSANITY.

Yet some who have passed on in front were not prepared. There are many, alas, who take their way in twilight planes seeking to find those earthly things which they have lost. There are many who wander in dark and terrible conditions, held by self; but only for a while, only for a while! You on earth, by taking up your cross, by shouldering the burden which has been placed upon you, you are sending light far from the earth conditions, and that light can penetrate into the darkest hole which man has dug for himself; and in that darkest hole, because something of light has come, so the prisoner seeks to extricate himself, for he realises at last that there are friends waiting for him ready to take him Home.

And now I would speak to you for a moment upon the burdens which you and they are bearing for the sweet by-and-by. I want you to grasp this great important fact, I want you to realise that there are many to-day in that which you name the asylums, there are many who have defective children, there are many who are swayed by the influence of drink; they are all bearing a burden heavy in the extreme, yet it is not a burden that is hallowed, in the sense that many have brought it upon themselves.

Little ones, if man could but grasp this fact, your asylums would be empty; if man had kept to the path that Christ laid down, your prisons would not be wanted; if men and women had taken the cup of sorrow and had been willing to drink a little of that cup, the little children who come condemned physically into the material world—that terrible stigma, that catastrophe would be impossible if only those in a body of flesh had followed the Master's commands, had followed the example of Jesus Christ!

#### FIGHTING FOR THE UNBORN.

So I ask you to fight not only for yourselves, but I ask you to struggle for those who are yet unborn; I ask you to strive to cleanse the physical conditions so that the infants who will come into the earth plane may have their chance, may be able to contact with joy, may be able to bring peace, not sorrow, to others. They shall be treasure-bearers not only in the life to come, but treasure-bearers during the earth stage because of the sweetness and goodness that are within. The children can do work for God in as great a measure as those grown to mature estate; the little ones as they come into the homes bringing love, bringing innocence, bringing the spirit of service, these little ones are doing God's work. And the mother as she holds her child knows that she has a treasure in her arms. Woe unto the mother who looks upon her infant and sees that by her own wrong-doing her child is condemned physically for the length of its existence upon this plane! Woe unto the mother, woe unto the father, for these things cannot be rectified except by great suffering over the years which lie in front. These crimes against the unborn build up for the ones concerned a prison-house which indeed holds them fast, until by effort, by thought, by sacrifice they can create a body, a covering for another soul which is unmarred by disease.

There are some here who have taken on a burden heavy in the extreme; their bodies trouble them much, they are conscious that it is difficult to keep pace in the great march of physical life. But because they are not responsible themselves for this, the grace of God is showered upon them;

and in the sweet by-and-by, with a body charged with power, with a mind that responds to every impulse of good, they shall take their way demonstrating the promises of God. The burdens of one stage are the treasures and the powers of the next; but the follies of one stage are indeed the burdens which hamper and hinder in time to come!

I speak to you in these same urgent tones because I want for you the very best; I want, when the physical stage is o'er, that you shall pass into freedom, into joy, into illumination, and that you shall find around you the treasures of the Spirit. And to-night, I bring reassurance to each and every one. To the burden-bearers, I say to you, sister: Let not your heart be sorrowful! And to you, brother: Although anxiety tortures the physical mind, remember that you are building now something which will more than compensate in time to come; you are creating that condition which will represent unto you your spirit's desire; and in that condition, so bright, so glorious, you can invite many hungry souls, many who are spiritually starved, and you can bid them enter in; and because of your freedom because of your peace, because of your love they shall not go empty away!

#### THE VEIL OF MATERIALISM.

Little ones, it is hard to leave you, for I feel there is so much I could impart. This wood has a history of its own, but I am not thinking of the little earth history, I am thinking of the history in the stage before the physical; I am thinking of the history of the flowers before they came to bloom in the material plane; I am thinking of that which you call the sunshine in the planes of Spirit; I am thinking of the glory of God, and how it is shed upon man, and how man covers himself with the veil of materialism, and the sun of the Spirit cannot penetrate because free-will cannot be interfered with even by God.

My eyes are opened and I know that there are many here who took the steep and difficult way in the stage before the earth, and I know and I see that when this earth life is o'er they indeed will be the banner-bearers, the treasure-bearers in the life to come.

So then, let not the mind of the body hold you too fast, let not your thoughts rest too long upon the knowledge of this little planet. That knowledge is good so far as it goes, but it is trivial unto us. Let your minds seek to penetrate beyond the earthly condition. Go to the trees, blindfold your eyes, stand before the trees and see whether you can find there a friend of the long long past, in other worlds, in other climes. There are those here, and there should be men and women all over the earth, who when they approach a tree blindfolded, by the vibrations given forth from that tree should know which house the tree belongs to, who should know the name, the character and the history of that emblem of God's Love.

#### NATURE A BURDEN-BEARER TOO.

And so it should be with the flowers! Know you not that as you take your way in faithfulness of heart, although your physical eyes can see it not, you are creating sweet flowers? And their fragrance and their life shall perish never. Know you not, you who bear pain patiently, that as you pray for strength so around you you are creating the beauties of the Spirit? Thus is God's Home built up by man! And thus, alas, are built up those realms of darkness, aye, by the folly and the weakness of the individual who in ignorance and in rebellion takes his earthly way.

I could unfold much to you, yet my time has sped. But I want you as you go out into the open air to realise this great truth, that Nature in common with man is a burden-bearer in this same stage. The flowers have their sorrows, their strivings, their sufferings; and the great trees they

too know much of endurance. The stars in the firmament are emblems also of the evolutionary stages through which they have passed; and the grass beneath your feet is charged with Spirit power to refresh man, for the grass has had its struggles, has had its strivings and its sufferings as well. I speak of this only to make you one with Nature, to make you one with Life as a whole.

#### COMFORT FOR ALL.

I could baffle the earth mind with a knowledge that would be useless in this same stage, but that is not mine. I come to give the message of the Christ; I come to say to you, brother, and to you, sister: Be not satisfied with that which is on the surface, probe beneath; let your thoughts as they roam over the beauty, the weakness or the power of the earth always seek for a parallel in those realms into which you will pass. Oh let your hearts be comforted although sorrow may be all around; let your heart be comforted, for Jesus walks your earth plane and He is there to close the wounds in heart and mind!

I bless you with the power to do, to rise up and acclaim your faith in God. I bless you with endurance, and I say that because great things are coming to pass you are being prepared, you are being attuned to the finer vibrations of Spirit, you are being equipped for the great and long campaign which lies in front. You are a warrior charged with that which is indeed of God, a warrior against the forces of evil, a warrior against the weakness within and the weakness without, you are a warrior under the banner of Jesus Christ. And those who have passed before you into light or into twilight, as the case may be, these too are wanted by Christ to spread the light in the conditions in which they find themselves at this same stage. Therefore you can stretch out in Spirit to those in the realms of light and to those in the realms of bondage, you can clasp their hands, gaining strength from the holy ones of God and giving strength to those who are weaker than yourselves.

#### A MESSAGE FOR THE PIONEERS.

There is so much I must leave untouched upon, but I must come and give a blessing to those who have done their best to bring light to others upon the earth plane. (*Zodiac returns to the platform.*) I bless you, dear children! Yes, I would speak to those who have done so much to bring the light to God's children, by sacrifice, by going without themselves, by turning a deaf ear to the weariness of the body. I bless them, charged by the power of the Holy Spirit, and I say to the workers that they are building better than they can understand, they are indeed equipping themselves for a mighty work in the realms of bliss; they are amongst those who have answered to the call of God; they are amongst the pioneers and the pioneers are cutting steps up which weaker ones shall tread in safety. And thus as they take their way keeping on the path of duty as they climb, and, if they fall, rising and climbing again, they are indeed light-bearers, treasure-bearers not only for themselves but for thousands and thousands hidden from their sight.

I bless you all with comprehension and I heartily athwart this temple of peace the Cross, the radiant Cross of the One Who suffered so much, symbol and sign to you, dear children, that you too can do great things by the Master's grace.

Again I turn to the workers, and I say: The flowers here, symbol of your devotion, and the Cross, a love gift, these things shall be found in your spiritual home in a fairer form, with a power inconceivable to your minds now. The Cross shall be your beacon hereafter; the flowers of the Spirit shall bestow healing in plenty, that replenishment for the weak; and over the stones through which you have found your kingdom, over the stones

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## THE EFFECT OF A LOVELESS MARRIAGE.

SPIRITUAL AND PHYSICAL PARENTS.

Message given by Mr. S. through MISS MOYES at the Zodiac Circle.

To-night I should like to say a few words in regard to those unions which are called marriages. When we are free we look at marriage on earth from a totally different angle. We have to study it because of its far-reaching effect on the experiences which each one goes through.

I do not think that it is understood in its spiritual significance—in fact, I know it is not—the amount of advantage the shadows (*bound spirits*) gain by a loveless marriage. You all admit that marriage without love is sinning against nature, but when it is entered into knowingly, whatever the reason, it is upsetting not only the laws of nature but those delicately poised spiritual laws which govern all life, both on earth and everywhere else.

### IN THE NATURE OF A CRIME.

From the physical standpoint damage is done, and I do not think any scientist or doctor would contradict the statement that the children of such unions are handicapped; yes, so far as physique and the nervous system are concerned, and also so far as the ability to contact with happiness is concerned.

When the physical experience is over, the re-adjustment commences, or, rather, it is carried on without those obstacles which the physical body erect. But that is beside the point. We know that sorrow of necessity must be turned to joy, and loss to gain; but my point to-night is this and I speak from personal experience:

If love is absent it is in the nature of a crime for two people to be joined together in matrimony, and when that is done deliberately it is, as you would say, a crime against God Himself. It is difficult in speaking on a subject like this to make things clear so far as the spiritual effect is concerned. The physical effect is apparent for all to see, all who have understanding, of course, I mean.

### THE INHERITANCE OF CHARACTERISTICS.

And now I want to speak about another point—the inheritance of characteristics. You have heard a lot about that, but what people on earth do not stop to consider is this—the spiritual parentage of a child.

Here you get again those wonderfully compensating laws of the Spirit. Now you who adopt a child you may say: "That child is loved as much as my own children are loved," but when you come

here you will see that the spiritual tie was much stronger than any physical tie could be. You are that adopted child's parent *in the Spirit*; you are bound to each other throughout eternity, because (although she does not know it) you had earned her by experiences you took on long before the physical life was started. Can you understand?

### LEARNING FROM THE EXPERIENCE OF OTHERS.

Since free from the body, I have been with my adopted child more intimately than if I were her physical father. While on earth there are all sorts of restrictions. We think we understand our children, but very rarely is that our privilege. When we are free from the narrow outlook then not only do we try to understand, but in order that our understanding shall be thorough, we live through their experiences with them.

It is a gigantic subject. I could point out several of your own friends who bear the impression on their characters not of their physical fathers and mothers, but of their real parents in the Spirit. Watch people more closely; watch each other more closely. Very often to the observant it is a simple matter to say amongst all those, either in the body or free from the body, who are in their vibrations, who are their real parents, who are their real children, who are those they are going to share eternity with.

### OUR REAL PARENTS OR CHILDREN.

When I was on earth and I was up against conditions which I hated, I went away. I had a little money and I was able to go away. I am not excusing that act of shirking responsibility but, on the other hand, I give their due to those who have the courage, the spiritual courage, to stay on and work through in spite of everything.

I have had great protection to-night in getting this message through, and I thank God with all my heart; and I hope there may be some who in reading what I have said may gain this consolation—that their real parents and their real children are not necessarily those with whom their physical lives are spent; and still more does this apply to those joined by the marriage laws; those conditions which are taken on for experience alone.

Spiritual unity is in store for us all when we are ready for it—*when* and not before. Good-night!

# THE POWER AND THE GLORY.

By ZODIAC,

A Teacher in the Temple at the Time of Our Lord. (Medium: WINIFRED MOYNS, trance.)

Address given at the Grand Theatre, Old Hill, Staffs., under the auspices of the Christian Spiritualist Church, Old Hill, on Sunday, May 29th, 1932.

*Saviour Christ, into Thy hands I commend the spirit of this Thy child.*

My dear children, gladly do I come before you in this same way and I want you all to realise that this meeting is not by chance. I want you to realise that long before the thought entered the mind of those upon earth it was ordained that I, a humble messenger of the Christ, should come in this same way and speak to those who have the will to listen. For mark you this: We cannot interfere with the free-will of any man or any woman, nor even of the little children who are gathered here; but Jesus the Christ allows those who have had experience to come back and speak to His children bound in an earth body, because so few of them understand the secret or the problems of daily life.

So I want you to realise, brothers and sisters, that long before it entered the mind of the workers here to ask for the servant Zodiac to speak to them, it was in the Mind and in the Heart of Christ that I should come and give unto you His message, a message of cheer, if a message of warning as well.

## THE DOMINATION OF THE EARTH MIND.

Now in the first instance I want to make it quite clear that I am not here to entertain the mind of the body; I have come to feed the starving Spirit within. There are so many who take their way through the physical condition who are hypnotised by that which man calls knowledge. Yet I say once again here and now that with many of the so-called scientists their earth knowledge is not only limited, but in so many cases that knowledge must be reversed when they pass into the Light and something of revelation is made their own. So I affirm that I have come to speak to the inner self within, to the real man and the real woman, and ere we part I think you will confess that although I passed over many hundreds of years ago, I understand that which your life to-day represents. I have kept in touch with material and physical conditions so that I might help you over the stones which lie upon your path.

To-night, dear children, I have been bidden to go back upon a simple phrase in that well-known Prayer and to speak upon *The Power and the Glory*, and I want you at the outset to have a true comprehension of those two words, the *power* and the *glory*. First of all, think of earthly power, that which seems so fascinating to man! There are those in high places who have much earthly power. There are those in authority in the big warehouses and factories, there are those in authority in the small shops, in the schools and in the churches; and these have power, a mighty power it seems to those who have to obey their will.

## THE "POWER" OF STATESMEN AND POLITICIANS.

Does not the very fact that they have earthly power immediately suggest that there is great responsibility as well? You have your labour leaders, you have your leaders of the educated classes; they are listened to by a large number of people and there are some who are swayed by their words. There are many who believe that they speak the truth, and, thank God, there are those who do speak the truth; but there are men and women gathered here this night who feel that the ones they have placed in a position of authority have not quite come up to the promises they gave forth. But I say: Judge not, because in time you too will be judged in turn. Yet I must make it clear that in the degree that any man or any woman

abuses his or her power—the power gained by fair or by foul means—in the degree that that power is abused, so he or she will sorrow and suffer in time to come.

## CREATORS OF REAL POWER.

So, little ones—and I use that phrase merely as an endearment, for you are well-loved by me—I want you to gain a true view of power in its real sense, for so oft to those who are in an earth body what seems unto them as "power" is but bondage covered o'er, for those who use their earthly power in the wrong way are under the domination of lower entities than themselves. Therefore, the "power" is not power at all as far as they are concerned; it but indicates the power of some poor bound child of God free from the earth body but not free from the temptations of this world.

Children, I would come amongst you even at this early stage, and I ask my son here to stand in the footsteps of my child, for she is tired after the long journeying, and we work in planes not only of the earth, but in planes which are far beyond the earth. (Zodiac descends from the platform.) I come amongst you and I would reason with you. There are many gathered here with thinking minds and aching hearts. They have suffered under that which man calls power, but I have shown you that it is not power in the true sense; and to-night I ask you who are finding the road of life so hard to think of power in its true sense, in its God-sense. You who are suffering from the misdeeds of others; you parents, who have shuddered under the blows of your children because they strayed from the path of duty; you men and you women who have searched for toil and have found it not, you are the ones—because you are the burden-bearers—you are the ones who are creating power, and more than that, you are symbol and sign of the Divine Power that is within. Oh cannot you grasp this simple fact, cannot you see for yourselves that my words are true?

## SPEED PIONEERS AND WASTE OF SPIRIT POWER.

*The power and the glory!* You all want glory. Some want glory in the earth-sense, and the wise ones desire glory in the Christ-sense. There have been many whose names have rung all over the little earth. There are some to-day who defy the elements, who venture much for the sake of claiming their strength and their endurance to others. I blame them not, but I do say, brothers and sisters, that much precious divine power is wasted by those who want to exceed another's speed or to triumph over another's adventure in danger. What think you—when the world at the same stage is being tortured by oppression, and the oppression which I refer to comes from the unseen but felt by many! To what great glorious use all that power could be put—the power of protection which is around the venturesome and there are so many amongst the young—do not you grasp that if those brave pioneers who only devote their pioneer-spirit to bringing into this darkened plane, what a help it would be to the guides and the teachers who are doing their utmost to save and to protect?

I want you to have a truer sense of value; it is so much to cross the ocean in a time limited—the endurance of the ones concerned? "Oh, great," you exclaim, "it is wonderful, see Science is showing to us!" But I say unto you, brother, that by taking to your room is

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sending thoughts of healing, thoughts of succour to those in the far corners of the earth who even at this moment are being tortured by disease, by ignorance, by a tyranny impossible for your minds to grasp, oh cannot you see, brother, that in taking to your room in prayer you are creating a mighty power, you are creating a power which is ten thousand times more important than that created by the pioneers as they fly from north to south and from east to west?

#### WHAT EARTHQUAKES AND WRECKS TEACH US.

We are coming to grips with reality. Earthly science is held up before man's glorying gaze. Your minds are full of admiration for its great inventions. You look at your noble ships, you stand before your gracious buildings and you say: "How great is man, how mighty is his hand!" But the time comes, perchance, when Nature in a turbulent mood passes over and touches that great ship or that big building and lo! its beauty and its utility are no more. Then you feel you have been deceived, deceived by something that you thought was greater than it really is. The glory of physical achievement—how fleeting is that glory! It lasts only until another one has achieved something greater. Then the first is forgotten, for earthly fame is fleeting and the mind of man is so forgetful too.

So I speak to you upon those things which are real, those things which are lasting, and I ask you to believe—and commonsense should direct—that those who build for the planes beyond the earth, they are the far-seeing ones, they are the practical ones, they are those who indeed will have glory in time to come, for the power that they have been giving forth has created something which is not of the earth at all. And I speak this night to those with the humdrum lives, to those who are beset by material cares, to those who seem ignored by the vast majority as ones of no importance at all, and I pass on to them the words of comfort given unto me by the Master Himself. Brother, sister, be of good cheer! Your life may be hemmed in by much, it may seem to you that you produce so little as the days go by; but in the degree that you strive, in the degree that you hope, in the degree that you seek to help your neighbour, so yours will be the power and the glory for evermore.

*Thy Kingdom come!* Yes, those words were spoken in regard to God Himself. Thy Kingdom come—God's Kingdom on the earth plane. But remember this: How can God's Kingdom come in any plane when His children stray from the only path that is of Him! Does it not seem unreasonable that God should be expected to do it all? Has He not given unto you free-will? Did not your brothers and your sisters, your fathers and your mothers, did not they too have free-will? And they have free-will now, although they may be in planes far removed from this earth. God wants your co-operation for the bringing of the Kingdom, and if you strive and if you do your little best, then the power and the glory shall indeed be yours.

#### THE CONFLICT BETWEEN MATERIAL AND SPIRITUAL DESIRES.

I know that the body at times is hard to bear, I know that the nerves of the body cause you grievous distress, I know that the conditions of your life are not according to your heart's desire. But think you: May it not be that those conditions are according to the desire of the Spirit within? The Spirit within is not bound by earthly time and space; the Spirit within is able to function as you sit here or as you do your toil; the Spirit within is able to function in its true Home and that is in the planes of peace. So then, may it not be possible that your life, with its cares, with its disappointments is according to the desire of the greater self

within? Yes, that is so, and as I speak the light of the Spirit is shining through this temple, and the light has been gifted by God to bring to His children not only consolation, not only explanation, but illumination as to the purpose and the plan.

#### SIGNS OF RISING STORMS.

Be not deceived by earthly fame, be not deceived by earthly power. There is no one so lowly in physical and material conditions, there is no one so hemmed in by the restrictions of daily life who cannot demonstrate the real power and the real glory that shall not pass away. So I come this night to speak in these same tones, not—I say it again—to pander to the mind of the body, but to feed the Spirit within; and I say that the power is here this night for you, brother, and for you, sister, to come out of the ranks, to be a pioneer in the God-sense, to make your stand for the Christ that is within you. Oh I urge you to take my words to heart, for great things are coming to pass upon the earth plane and there will be many unready in that day, in that time. Already you see the signs. Not only in other lands, but in your little England you see signs of the rising storm, the rising storm of Nature and the rising storm in the hearts of some of the rebellious ones. Therefore, I plead with you, for again I say that great things are coming to pass. I plead with you here who have something of realisation, who know something of truth, that you should more and more prepare yourselves so that when the so-called blows fall you shall stand unafraid, and more than that, you shall be as a good shepherd to lead the sheep into the safety of the Fold of Christ.

My eyes are opened and I know what your lives represent. I know that at times bitterness comes so close; but I want you, brothers, I want you, sisters, to know that as you seek to withstand the enemy—the enemy seen and the enemy unseen—lo! you are drawing to you the power and the glory that shall fill your heart with joy in time to come. The bitterness comes because you do not understand God's law; the bitterness comes because there are those so selfish that they do not think of the plight of their brothers and their sisters. But mark you this: They cannot go on in that same way for ever. The earth life is so short and the life of the Spirit is so long! Soon they will pass out of their self-deception and then they must face the truth, whether they will or whether they will not. Yes, before them will be the record of the past and in that time they will see to their sorrow that earthly power and earthly glory were traitors in disguise, they will see that earthly fame but mocked them as they took their foolish, ignorant way.

#### WHEN IT IS EASY TO FORGIVE.

But in those days you will not reproach them, in those days you will be so concerned over your own failures that you will not count up the spiritual failures of others. In those days your heart and mind will be full of the sweet spirit of service and you will go to those who betrayed their better selves and you will seek to lead them back out of the valley up the steep climb to realisation of their sonship or their daughtership with the Most High.

And now I speak unto you regarding those who have passed out of the physical body, and there are thousands here, not all good souls, not all free souls, but because they have been gathered in they shall be less bound, they shall gain something of spiritual freedom through the light of the Spirit they are witnessing here this night, they see the power and the glory which are of Christ in the degree that they can grasp the power and the glory.

Oh dear friends, my heart yearns over you each and every one; I feel for you, brother, and for you, sister, that the way has been made doubly hard

because you did not know, and so I pass on a word to two from the unseen. Gathered here are those you love so well, the old men and the old women, who are now young men and young women, the little children, the babes who are growing up in spiritual knowledge and in the grace of God, and they bid me speak in no uncertain tones. They would that I impress upon you that when the physical body is no more then you will not only see God's Mercy and God's Love, but you will see how you tortured the Heart and the Mind of Christ. So then, let not my words be in vain!

#### WHAT COURAGE CAN WIN.

I would speak to the ones who are farthest from me. Brothers and sisters, your lives are to me as an open book. I know you have tried and then forgotten to try; I know that you have suffered and then at times refused to suffer. Oh be wise in time! Let your heart and your mind seek for those things which do not pass away. Face your troubles as a man or as a woman in the God-sense, and when anxiety knocks upon the door of your heart and mind, remember the words of Christ: *My peace I give unto you, not as the world giveth.* So then, whatever may betide, however steep and stony the road of physical experience, because within you there is Christ, because around you there is a holy throng, because those you love and have passed beyond the veil are praying for you by night and by day, as you would say, then because of this you can be as a courageous soul, facing the troubles unafraid, stemming the word of complaint; and all the time, although you can but grasp a fragment of the meaning, all the time building up the power and the glory which no one can take away.

There are many here suffering from ills of mind and body, there are many here who indeed ask themselves what the future has in store, and I answer unto them: The future has in store for you that which shall surpass your highest ambition or your highest expectation, but it is not by your turning from the Cross, it is not by thinking ever of material things and trying to draw those material things unto you. Nay, the words of Christ are true to-day: that if you put the things of the Spirit first, necessities shall be drawn to you by the power of spiritual attraction.

#### A REAL OR A FALSE ACHIEVEMENT.

Test the promises of God! Keep a clear mind when you read the parchments of your day; be not deceived by that which seems so great, so daring, or so precious. It may be ere to-morrow has passed the daring one will be no more so far as the physical mind and body are concerned. As you read or watch, say to yourselves: "What does it represent—is this real achievement? I will remember the words of the teacher. I too can achieve, can do even greater things than that which has been done!" And this is true of the patient mother. As she cleanses the house and tends her children, the patient mother is creating a power and a glory that recharge the earth conditions and build beauty in the planes of Spirit. Thus the power and the glory can be brought into being by the humblest and the frailest who put Christ first.

So my last words are to those who prize the mind of the body, to those who think the gifts of the earth mind are so much to be desired. Remember, brother, that as physical death takes place the mind you love so well is no more; remember it is possible for a blow to strike your brow and for that fine intellect to lie asleep so long as the earthly span shall last.

I feel there are those here who can draw in the spiritual meaning of that which is passed on; I feel there are prepared souls who will go back over my words and who will pass the truth on to others. Physical life is so precarious, but the life which is

real no one can destroy, that life that goes on forever. So then, build for the to-morrow of time and take comfort from the promise of brighter happier days to come. Open your heart and mind to the healing rays of the Holy Spirit. Say within "I know at last that all is well," and although those of the earth may say unto you "All is not well," the inner consciousness shall repeat and iterate: "All is well, for God will lead me until my eyes are opened and I see Him face to face." Aye, God as Christ shall await the earnest soul, God as Christ shall take the spiritual pioneer by the hand and say: *Come up higher and I will show you still greater things.* And the aspiring soul casts off the chains of the earth mind and in his new freedom, in supreme joy he takes his way into the land which is blessed by harmony and by peace, and he gives of his gifts unto others, for the power and the glory which are his would not stay unless he sought to help his fellow beings. Thus the power and the glory gain and gain again, and that goes on until at last in the image of God Himself we are one with Power and Glory, and the purpose and the plan have been made plain for evermore.

#### WONDERFUL OPPORTUNITIES AHEAD.

As I return in this same way (to the platform) I give a blessing to the workers. I say unto you son (Mr. E. E. Stevens, President of the Church) you indeed shall be a pioneer used by Christ if only the heart and mind are set upon those things which do not pass away. There is opportunity flung open before you in a way your earth mind cannot grasp but the opportunity is given by the Master Himself and you in time to come, if only you are faithful over little things, you shall find a kingdom all your own, and in that kingdom the power and the glory shall be inexhaustible. God has spoken!

And to each one comes the same message in greater or lesser measure: *Thine is the Kingdom the Power and the Glory for ever and ever, Amen.* What is true of Christ, of God, is true of the children of God, for they are His sons and daughters and inheritors of Eternal Life.

With the golden Cross of Jesus the Christ athwart this dwelling place I bless you in His Name and I say that the Cross of Jesus the Christ shall remain in these conditions as protection for the young and old who gather herein. Oh I charge you children of the light and children of the half-light to be up and doing, to put the house of your heart and mind in order, to prepare against that day when great things will be coming to pass; and in the time, if only you are true now, the power and the glory shall be yours.

Farewell, dear children, my love goes with you. The Master has come to bless! Farewell yet not good-bye in any sense of the word. Where trouble is there am I; where sorrow strikes the heart, there also am I, but I am but one of countless waiting to serve, waiting to teach. Where are the instruments on the earth plane? Among you *among you!* Then arise and do your part.

The Cross of Light keep you now and for ever more under the safety and the protection of the Kingdom of kings. Farewell!

#### LEICESTER AND LIVERPOOL.

Miss K., Leicester, writes to Miss Moyes:

How glad I am to know that you are coming to Leicester on July 10th! I am so looking forward to hearing the Zodiac. I think the addresses in THE GREATER WORLD are most spiritual. I really cannot express my feelings but know that you are coming here!

From a reader in Liverpool:

I value THE GREATER WORLD very highly and I think it gets better every week. I send my copy to several people; and I, with other friends, am delighted to hear that the Zodiac will be heard in Liverpool sometime this year (Sept. 4.) We are eagerly looking forward to that day.

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