

The Greater World

"Glorious indeed is the world of God around us, but more glorious is the world of God within us."

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THE DRIVING POWER OF LOVE

SUNSHINE FOR THE GREY DAYS

Queenie is a beautiful and joyous spirit who attached herself to the Zodiac Circle many years ago. She has seized the few opportunities available when members of the Zodiac Circle have been present at other Circles to come through or to send a message. She has been described with Miss Moyes at many of the Zodiac Services up and down the country; and at the materialisation seance, a report of which appears on page 339, she came and underlined statements made some years ago. We give an extract from one of the messages she gave through Miss Moyes at the Zodiac Circle:

I feel so gloriously happy and I want you all to try to hold on to the little sunshiny-thoughts which I am scattering all around. Perhaps life does not represent that aspect to you, but you know I understand; and is it not true, dear-all-of-you, that when the greyness comes the sunshine is wanted all the more?

Do you know how your lives look to me? I remember when a child seeing diligent old ladies throwing their bobbins hither and thither, and, to my amazement, the most beautiful pattern was unfolded before my eyes. To the inexperienced that skilful manipulation of the different threads seems like magic, and the one who works seems to do it in an almost careless manner. But not so! Use has brought a sense of surety, it is true; but the good lacemaker is very vigilant indeed.

WHEN THE PATTERN OF OUR LIFE SEEMS BROKEN

Yes, I like to think of your lives like that. It seems to you that sometimes in spite of your best endeavours the threads get broken; and great is your despair because when you are weaving the pattern of your life, you cannot go back and take out that which you think is wrong.

But I have been told to say that because you worked with a will—and this applies to all who work with a will—then God, by the power of His love, by His understanding of the human heart and mind, God makes that which seems to have "gone wrong" just part of the pattern, only it is a little bit that you did not know had to be worked in.

It is a beautiful thought! Life goes on in a rather monotonous way. Work of a kind is there in plenty, but it seems to you that there is very little to show for those things which have taken much time and thought. Yet—as with the lace on the pillow—so the pattern is being worked out.

HAVE FAITH IN THE FUTURE!

And I want you to know this as well: that the one who works on the lace knows what it is going to look like in the end, but you work by faith only—yes, by faith, although some of you doubt that. And because of the extra effort which faith requires, so will the beauty be of that which has been, and will be, produced by your thoughts and actions and good wishes.

Oh! have faith in the future!—in God's inten-

tions in regard to you, in His guiding care over your lives, in the plain and simple sign which will be given when you come to the cross-roads of decision.

MANY WAITING FOR THE CALL

Following the sign you will take the bright path which leads away from the world, in the world's sense, but into the world in the God sense. And many will be found there who were only waiting for the call of the Spirit, only waiting to be put into direct touch with God, only waiting for others to show them the way into the Land of Reunion for evermore.

Let this be your thought to-night in connection with me: that Queenie has told you that the pattern beneath your hands is beautiful, beautiful because you are guided by the Spirit within. And because you commend yourselves again and again to God, so He oversees that as you throw out the threads, each one shall add to the pattern which you have undertaken.

If people only knew the power, the driving power of love! Of course, if you are dealing with those estranged from Christ, it takes a much longer time to influence them, but when the wilfulness is directed against people on earth and not against God, why, it can be done at once. You may say: "I have tried it and I have failed;" and I reply: No, you have not, or if you have you did not do it right. What was your love like? Was it real love or was it a little bit of self-love that made you want them to do this and that because you wanted it? That is the secret of it all! You see, when we are free from the body we cannot deceive ourselves because it is all written ever so plainly; we may hide our eyes, but the moment we take our hands away, there it is.

WHAT REAL LOVE CAN DO

So to everybody concerned I say: Focus your love on the wilful ones, and be certain that if your love is real love the wilfulness will disappear just like smoke blown away by the wind, never to come back again.

Let me come again, by which I mean think to yourselves: "I wish Queenie would come to-night," because even if it is not my turn, it gives me happiness and power which I can distribute amongst you, and that makes me happier still; so you see there is a good reason behind my request.

TRANSITIONS BEFORE AND AFTER PHYSICAL DEATH

By ZODIAC

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

Address given at the Prince's Theatre, Leicester, at a Meeting organised by three local Churches affiliated to the G.W.C.S. League, on Sunday, July 10th, 1932.

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

My dear children, I come this night into your midst with joy in my heart, for I know that there are some here who are ready for the message which I bring. I know that there are those here who have pain at heart, who have felt the whip of adversity sharp and strong. I want you to know that because we who are free from the body have a light and a peace and a joy so foreign to the earth condition, that in spite of this we are able to vibrate to the conditions of your own life, otherwise we should be useless in this work for God.

What think you as you sit here in earthly darkness, what think you of the celestial beings who are in this hall? It may seem strange to some, but I say that there are God's angels not only keeping you company, but over the hours this day they have gathered here in volume to prepare the vibrations, to give of themselves so that holiness might greet you as you came within these walls.

Little ones—and I use this term merely as an endearment, for you are dear to me—oh little ones of the earth, we see so much and we know that there are those taking the earthly way who could be helped, who could find comfort if only explanation had been given unto them by the shepherds of the One True Fold. But there are many who take on the name of representative of the Most High who know but little of the laws of the Spirit which govern their lives, your lives, and the lives of all those in the many worlds created by God.

So, at the outset, I want you to believe that I understand your lot, I want you to know that there is not one gathered into this temple to-night whose life is hidden from my comprehension; for God gives to His servants that knowledge, that understanding, that illumination which are necessary to carry on His work.

WHEN THE OLD THEORIES ARE WRONG

I would speak, by the Will of God, upon that which I name *Transitions before and after Physical Death*, and I want you to come with me in thought and to face reality for a while; to try to extricate yourselves from preconceived ideas, from the old thoughts when those thoughts are detrimental to the spreading of the light, from the old theories when they deny the love and the full compassion of our God. I want you to think upon reality and to realise that although you are here in a body of flesh, the earth stage is but one short stage of existence. You have lived in many worlds before the earth came into use for the purpose and the plan; you have had many bodies—terrestrial bodies and celestial bodies. And to-day, although cabined in the flesh, there are some here who are ready for the next body, and that next body shall represent a body of light, a celestial body as spoken of by one Paul and recorded in the Holy Book.

Many transitions! I say, dear children—and you have it in the Sacred Record—that man was created in the Image of the Divine; and yet, though gifted in miniature with that which God possesses, man had not the gift of personal experience. So he took on the long journey of life, life through many spheres, many worlds, many conditions—call them what you will.

To-day, in a body of flesh, you demonstrate to yourselves and to those around the record of the past. What is that record? How near is God to you? How close is the earth? where does your treasure lie, what is it that holds your heart and mind? Is it the

penetration into those realities which shall not pass away; or are you content to take the flimsy pleasures of the earth and to put them first?

NEW LIGHT UPON SO-CALLED SECRETS

I speak in these urgent tones because my eyes are opened and I know that great things are coming to pass upon the earth plane. I know that man has suffered and is suffering to-day, and I know that before the burden of suffering is lifted from man he must find his true self. You realise, some of you, that all is not well with the world; you realise that the scientists may have fed the physical mind, but the soul still cries out for food. You know that the so-called learned men are forever changing the borders of their thinking. One year they discovered this or that, but the time comes when they find they have made a mistake. New light had been thrown upon the so-called secrets of the earth, and they say, "We have discovered that the theory of yesterday cannot hold firm by the light of to-day." Alas, the so-called clever men dig into the earth knowledge and so oft forget the wisdom of the Spirit.

The men and women who follow the thought to-day, they see that to place full reliance upon the scientists is not wise, for the scientists have to change their views, have to revise their theories. They realise that such as these have only the fringe of true knowledge, and they ponder within: "If this is so, whom shall we follow?"

Perchance they turn to the preachers and the teachers. They go to the preachers and say unto them: "Where is my boy gone? Where has my little one flown?" And many of the preachers answer, "These mysteries belong to God!" But the tortured mother and the tortured father cry within themselves, "This is not enough; I must know where my boy has gone. My little one may be crying now in the mother's arms; or she may have forgotten the earth and be lying cold within the grave."

There are many parents who have wrestled with these questions in themselves, who have prayed to God and have found there is no answer to their impatient questions, until at last, at last they come across those who have had the courage to penetrate beyond the earthly veil, and then their sorrow is no more.

TRANSITIONS INTO DARKER CONDITIONS

Oh I want you to realise that it is not the Father's Will that your child who has left the physical body should be out of your sight for a moment. It is not God's Will that you should not follow the progress of the one you love so well. But alas and alas, many transitions have taken place since you were created in the Image of the Divine. You have lost your true sight; your ears no longer pick up the finer vibrations of Spirit; your eyes are dim, they have been dimmed by material things.

So you see in saying "many transitions have taken place," that does not imply that all the transitions have been out of the lesser into the greater. Many have laid aside their bright tools, their spiritual gifts, because they listened to the voice of the tempter because the cries of the world were too strong for them.

So I come in this same way to give unto you something of truth—only a fragment because time is brief; but I want you to realise that you to-day are in a school of learning and if you shirk your lessons now, you must learn them in time to come. If you think that your mind is more important than your soul, then when the earth body is no more

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transition will take place, but it will not be for your good, for your comfort; it will represent a transition into something less than you represent to-day.

So I plead with you, so I entreat you with all the force of my being to *take care, to beware*; to realise that you are a living soul, that you have had life over time unthinkable to you; that you have passed through many stages and not all those stages were stages of progress as God intended. You struggled a little and then, perchance, you forgot to struggle; you hoped and then you despaired; at times you wanted God and then you forgot the sweet Voice of the Holy Spirit.

There are thousands and thousands in these conditions who have passed out of the physical, but some are earth-bound, bound by their old desires, bound by their preconceived notions. They come into these places of amusement (*cinemas*) seeking to find some satisfaction for the tortured spirit within. So you see why God sends His messengers into such conditions? We are missionaries in every sense of the word and you too can be missionaries for His dear sake.

HOW IN OUR AMUSEMENTS WE CAN HELP OTHERS

I want you to understand that pleasure is not distasteful to God. He has given unto you many forms of joy, and you can, by your attitude of mind, transmute whatever pleasure holds your attention into something which is constructive for others. When you come into these places of amusement remember my words; say to yourselves: "There are those here, disembodied spirits, who want my help." Oh, in your joy forget not to pray for those who are strangers to joy; in your distractions forget not that there are those around you who have no peace of heart and mind. They are searchers, but because they will not give up self they still search for earthly things, although the earthly mind and earthly body have sunk into the dust.

I entreat you in thinking of your own lives, and of the lives of your companions or your business friends, to remember your great responsibility unto them, to remember that many transitions are taking place day by day, year by year. You can, even though the earth body binds, be as a temple of light so that when the transition which you call death takes place the body will slip from you and no earthly thoughts will hold you back.

Children, I feel that the need here is so great that I would come amongst you, for I long to bring about swifter transitions, I long to hasten you upon the road to God. Hold these conditions fast, and I ask you, child here (*Mrs. Hall*) to go in front, to lead the way, for there is much to do this night. We work on a big pattern . . . (*Several sentences were missed here as Zodiac passed out through the side-door, descended the stairs and re-entered the hall.*)

HUMAN TORCHES OF TRUTH

God gives unto the faithful that which is his heart's desire! You, dear children, are spirit although the earth body may bind. You, dear children, through the physical stage can represent torches of truth. You answer me: "My life is so limited, my opportunities are few; what can I do, what can I do?" And I say to you, dear children, that you can work miracles in the Name of Jesus Christ. You can be a healer, you can be a consoler, you can show others the way into security; and when the earth span is o'er you shall pass out of limitation and find that God's words are true. You have been faithful over little things and God will then give you a kingdom all your own.

I long to strike from you the chains which still hold! You say, perchance: "I try to do my best; I do not know much about reality, but I want to learn." Oh blessed are those words, and the one who feels thus shall see the light streaming upon him. Blessed are those words, for the man or the woman who seeks to do his or her best passes through count-

less transitions although the body holds.

Brother, allow not the mind to be your master. Sister, hearken unto my words: In the future—and it is the near future to my sight—great things are coming to pass. Man is going through his trial to-day and the testing must go on. Why? So that when the earth life is o'er the transition may be glorious, and God may bestow upon His child that which He desires to give. You are at this stage so free and yet so bound. The earth stage is the stage of temptation, for man has free-will, man knows right and wrong. You know when you put ambition first that you are not following the higher dictates of your being. You know when you injure your neighbour you are sinning against the Divine within. A transition has taken place, but not for good!

COMFORT FOR THE "BLUNDERERS"

But I would not cast sadness over the life of anyone this night. I want you to realise how glorious is your opportunity. I want you to know that your privileges lie all around. I want you to realise that within you is God, and because God is there, in miniature you possess the qualities, the gifts and the attributes of God Himself.

So strange it seems to some, but there are those here catching up my thoughts and they are saying: "I want to be better, I want to follow the path laid down by Christ. I try, but I seem to fail." Think of those of olden times. What of Peter, what of Paul? Do you think those servants of the Christ felt anything within but great dissatisfaction? Do you think that when we walked the earth plane and tried to spread the truth we were conscious of success? It seemed to us that we did so little and that evil was rampant on either side. And yet—praise God!—when the body was no more the Master showed us the record of the past, and then we saw the tiny seeds springing into life.

I want you to realise that had it not been for humble men and women in the long ago, you to-day would be as barbarians. The light that you now possess would be unthinkable because the forces of evil would hold the reins. Grave words! What do they teach? They say unto you: "What Peter did, what Paul was able to do, I can do as well!"

Then think of Mary, the Mother of the Saviour. As you remember her suffering, perchance shame falls upon you because you have not the courage to suffer even the little that is your lot to-day. But I want you to understand that God does not condemn. God is your Father and your Mother and He says unto His children: *Lean on Me; My strength is sufficient!*

MORE SENSITIVES WANTED

God wants the transition out of the material into the spiritual to take place. He desires that when the earth body is no more, you shall be as a celestial being with mighty powers, with creative gifts which would seem to you as foolishness to-day, so utterly are they beyond your reach! But once again I remind you that you are divine, you are the sons and the daughters of the Most High, and God calls you to high and holy things. So respond, let it be that this night the messenger has opened the door of the mind of the spirit and the light from the greater mind streams through to the lesser mind. Then you can face your lot with calmness, with a truer sense of proportion, then you can say: "My burden may be heavy, but it is light in comparison with the disciples of the long ago. I will go forward, I will still the word of complaint, I will pray to God for strength and He shall lead me hour by hour, day by day."

And I can promise you in His Name that the power shall come, for great things are coming to pass and we want tools, instruments, those who will be fit and ready to lead the flock out of their old fears into trust in Christ. When that time comes, remember my words. Your sorrow will be great if you push aside the message that I bring; but if you

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hearken and if you seek to follow, lo! your peace, your confidence shall be strong enough to defy the strongest forces of that which you name evil, for God has spoken.

Little ones, open your hearts and minds, behold the light which streams from God! And to those who have clear vision is opened a peace and beauty and power which they shall never forget. Open your heart and mind and allow the power of God to stream into you. Make ready! Let the transitions be swift; let it be that yesterday is forgotten in to-day, that the old self dies away.

EASY TO BUILD - HARD TO REBUILD

Perchance your heart is aching even as I speak over the ones who have passed from you. God understands! Perchance the pains of the body seem hard to bear. Christ understands! But I say unto you, charged by the Holy Spirit, that the sorrows of to-day shall be the gains of to-morrow, your pains shall be your powers! The field is large, the labourers are few, and if not in the earth stage, then in one stage you must take up the tool of service and set to work. So waste not precious time. Remember it is hard to reconstruct—not God's Will, but man's! It is so hard to build *anew*, but it is easy to put in, brick by brick, that which represents effort and love and patience and hope. Surround yourselves with this wonderful wall of spiritual protection, surround yourselves with joy and power, and what is best of all: the capacity to go to spiritual prisoners and to cast their chains from them. For out of that which you endure yourselves comes a mighty power, a mighty strength; and when it seems that you have exhausted all your own resources, then the resources of the celestial ones are passed on to you and you can teach others to do likewise.

I bless you, dear children, and I cast over you, by the grace of God, healing power—power to heal the body, ah yes, but also power to heal the soul; power to strengthen the earth mind, but also the power to turn the key in the door of the mind of the spirit and to allow the light of revelation to stream in.

Many transitions have taken place this night, some amongst those in the body, and many many amongst disembodied spirits. They have, as we have met together, seen something better, something sweeter. They have seen a ray from the Light which cannot fade, and henceforth as travellers on the road to God they shall follow and shall weary not.

A GREAT TEST COMING

It is hard to go, but I must leave you in this same way. I see so much that could be done. I say that there are instruments here who could be used for a mighty purpose, for the purpose of bringing light into a darkened world, of spreading peace and sweetness and of killing the weed of war and hatred. Press on, dear children, press on! There is in front a great test coming, so press on! Let it be that the Cross of Christ is ever before your eyes, and the Cross shall grow in brightness as you strive, and the Cross shall send back strength to you as you seek to help your neighbour; and when the test comes no fear shall dwell within, naught but peace and assurance. The transition out of the material has taken place; you are spirit, demonstrating your divine origin. With God your happiness is complete!

Lead the way, child (*Mrs. Hall*), for I would bless the workers. We work on those lines which shall indeed bring the Kingdom of God on earth. (*Zodiac returns to the platform. . . Some words were missed by the note-taker when Zodiac was in the corridor*) . . . sorrows, and the Voice of the Spirit must be hearkened to for the sake of the Divine within. All is well, my child (*Mrs. Hall*), and you shall reap for this little service to-night that transition which your soul so longs to make its own.

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PASSING OF THE REV. JOHN LAMOND, D.D.

A GREAT SPIRITUALIST

Thousands of people will read with a sense of personal loss that the Rev. J. Lamond laid down the body on Monday afternoon, July 18th. He was 77 years of age and passed away peacefully in his sleep. For the past three weeks his strength failed yet again and again he struggled from his bed willing to give up the fight until it was God's Will. He was nursed to the end by his devoted friend Mrs. Archibald, at his London residence.

The interment will take place in Edinburgh on Friday. Memorial Services will be held in London at Grotrian Hall on Friday at 6.30 p.m. and at Fortune Theatre on Sunday at 6.30 p.m.

Dr. Lamond was known throughout the Spiritualist movement as a writer and speaker on the higher aspects of Spiritualism. In 1924 he wrote:

"There are two conclusions at which I have arrived: (a) That mediums as a class have been outrageously slandered; and (b) that not one-tenth part of the extraordinary phenomena that take place in the seance room has ever been reported to the public . . ."

Although the Doctor has been interested in Spiritualism from his return and attended his first seance in 1878, it was the passing of his beloved daughter, Kathleen, in 1922, that turned natural curiosity over psychical phenomena into the absorbing interest of his life. But he was too fine a soul to be held long by phenomena alone. Again and again he spoke urgently to the public about the necessity of giving Christ His place in Spiritualism, and the *first* place.

DR. LAMOND AND ZODIAC

It was in about 1926 that I first met the Doctor. I was in the house of an acquaintance and the room was full of people who were strangers to me. To my surprise I felt a friendly hand on my shoulder and turned to meet the kind eyes of a very tall broad shouldered clergyman. He said: "I am told you are Zodiac's medium. I am so glad, so *thankful* that Zodiac is working for Christ. God bless you, my child."

On several occasions he came down to my flat or to the offices of THE GREATER WORLD, which were then in a City Church, and asked questions about Zodiac's statements regarding the life of Our Lord when on earth, and other matters.

As Zodiac's messages were always taken down and typewritten, I could tell the Doctor exactly what had been said. Dr. Lamond used to listen in silence and then invariably reply: "Zodiac confirms the result of my own investigations and studies."

Not only did Kathleen speak to her father in the Zodiac Circle (in 1928), but the spirit of St. Paul came through on another occasion to answer a question put by the Doctor.

Dr. Lamond has written many cheering letters to me, referring nearly always to Zodiac's efforts to put Christ in the forefront of Spiritualism. Before our Anniversary Service at Friends House, he wrote:

My dear Winnie,
How I rejoice to see you, under the guidance of Zodiac, moving from strength to strength. You have been brave and faithful. Much greater things shall lie ahead.

I have been ill but I hope to be present to-morrow evening.

Ever yours, JOHN LAMOND.

And the Doctor was present at the Service in spite of physical weakness.

It is difficult for those who love him not to feel somewhat sorrowful over his loss; but when we remember his great happiness and freedom, then our grief seems rather paltry. As a devoted servant of the Christ he will not only continue his work, but having won spiritual power by his life on earth, he will now be able to help others as his strong spiritual desires.

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DAUGHTER OF

Kathleen, speaks

Father, I was a little things. You and you certainly I was conscious of the vague. I used "Does that mean unknowable?"—and I posed I argued physical mind was shut door, but that things would be made. Well, father, I feel things after physical are not made place we still struggle to Truth. You know is a common belief directly the body if of we slip into revelation think I had had to myself, but it is no limit ourselves.

Now in regard views on this Truth think you were partial, that your imagination gets the upper hand but I did not know imagination was known it was *memory* greater memory should not have been "Well, after all, we facts it is all deductive deduction into fact dear, it was the great barrier of the physical

HOW THEY STUDY

I study now in the body I had to you could go into any we start the other way side working to the other do when they have What I feel I work with intuition—those the point without clinical