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How Earthly Activities Are Guided by the Celestial Council . .

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The Aquarian Prayer

¶ When the goodly days shall come, then shall men rally around those who have taught them to pray—

“OUR FATHER, who art in heaven, give us of Thy wisdom; give us this day our daily illumination to light the way of feet that do falter; give us this day not our daily bread but bread for those who hunger more than we do;

“And lead us not back into quagmires of ignorance, for such is not Thy nature. but send us ennoblement, that we may manifest our Dignity, our Wisdom, and our Vision to unborn generations.

“Peace, and a goodly heritage be upon the nations!

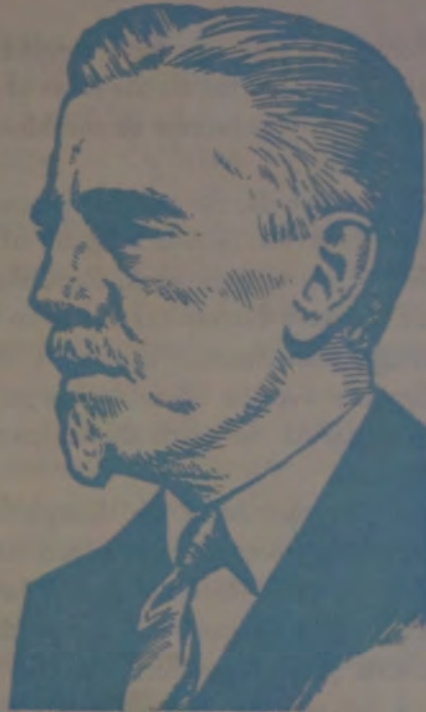
“This, our prayer, we pray in contriteness, that those who say it after us may live it in their intercourse!”

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The Second Discussion



WE ARE BEING told on all sides that we are living in a century of Change and Progress, that Time and Distance have been abolished by such inventions as radio and aircraft, that all peoples of the world have the moral right to govern themselves, and that no man or set of men has natural license to order humanity after personal caprice. Particularly are we being told that our American Republic has some divine commission to fulfil toward all other nations, that horse-and-buggy methods for treating with international problems must be abandoned, and that it was little else than political evolution that called the United States out of her former isolation and made her referee in the convulsion that we call the present conflict.

We meet with these ideas every time that we spin the dials of our radios or pick up the papers and read the writings of the columnists.

Somebody seems to have nominated the United States to be both mentor and policeman for all the races of the planet and if the humble common citizen doesn't subscribe to the idea he is labeled a Defeatist and perhaps a Seditiousist.

In other words, the peculiar proposal has gained credence around the globe, that the keystone and king-pin of civilization is the Arsenal of Democracy that is this western-world Republic.

Of course it flatters our vanity to be told that the organized universe would plunge into chaos if it weren't for America, and somehow, elusively, our Republic with its officialdom is put forward as the model after which other countries of the earth should pattern. It is nice to feel so supremely important.

On the other hand the thoughtful individual, especially one who knows something about human nature and human history, is decidedly perplexed as to why *our* Republic should have acquired this Superiority Complex all at once. Who gave this nation the license to consider itself the last word in civic perfection which all other nations of the world should copy?

It is not enough to say that the so-called United Nations wanted our help in the war and if American resources could be added to those of Britain and Russia, Hitler would be vanquished and Stalin would be helped. What we are more interested in having determined is why the whole international setup should have been what it was in September of 1939; why the United States should have been called to go through ten years of economic impoverishment before she finally became one of the combatants in the conflict; and whether, having gotten into the conflict, she will really become the pattern for other governments of the world no matter how the war terminates. In other words, what we want to have determined for us is whether the role being played by our Republic is bona fide, or a passing expedient to serve some purpose outside the nation. In the present instance, however, I want to consider it with you, not from the angle of deliberate strategies of any nationals or blocs, but from the angle of a higher octave of mentalities which may be supervising what goes on from the dispassionate, eternal viewpoint.

IT IS the cornerstone of my philosophy that a Celestial Council exists and operates in the more facile dimensions of Time, Space and Matter and that it supervises worldly performance much as a board of directors supervises the activities of any modern corporation. For the benefit of those who may not have heard my previous discourse, I say that I base this claim upon two things: the fact that reference to such Council is found in the metaphysical literature of all peoples and nations from hoariest antiquity, and the more substantial fact that representatives of this Higher Group, effecting definite materializations in our three-dimensional mortality, continually attest to the loftier jurisdiction.

Undoubtedly the Egyptian, Babylonian, Greek and Roman peoples got their ideas of panoplies of gods from this extraordinary Council. The Communion of Saints, about which St. Paul had so much to say in his Epistles, would seem to be its acknowledgment by orthodox Christianity, while religionists of the East with numbers running into millions accept the fact of the Great White Lodge without a thought of doubt or skepticism. Certainly we see the operatings of some sort of Superior Intelligence in the progressions of racial and national life as we look back over history.

Incidentally, the writings of St. Paul in regard to loftier forms of life and intelligence should carry much weight with the average Christian. In Hebrews 12: 22-23 he wrote to certain of the early churches, "But ye are come unto mount Sion . . . and to God the Judge of all, and to the spirits of the just men made perfect." We have every right to inquire who these Just Men were, and how they were Made Perfect. Why make any particular notation about their justice or perfection at all? In other words, why single them out for special attention in early Christian literature?

In II Corinthians the 12th chapter, the Apostle mentioned a man who was caught up to the third heaven, and another who was caught up into paradise where he heard unspeakable words. What did St. Paul mean by "third heaven" and "paradise"? Wasn't he saying by indirection that there were at least two other heavens? According to one authority, Funk & Wagnalls New Standard Dictionary, "the Jewish mystics adopted the notion of seven

heavens rising above one another like the stages of a building: the first, the space between the clouds and the earth; the second, the region of the clouds; the third, fourth, fifth and sixth, the home of the various grades of angels; the seventh, the abode of God and the seraphim." Why should there be series of heavens, when the average Christian has taken it for granted that there is only one big, main heaven, with God at the head of it, and all the people gathered into it who, by faultless living, have found themselves "saved"? If there are seven heavens, and St. Paul attests that mortal men have visited certain of them, may we not in all piety ask the Fundamentalist in which heaven God is supposed to dwell?

Actually, isn't St. Paul attesting in the whole of it to orders of life above the mortal that we Vitalists term the "Higher Octaves"? And is not the Apostle's reference to the Spirits of the Just Men Made Perfect, the most reasonable and explicit description of the aforesaid Celestial Council, supervising from the loftiest reaches of Consciousness in Matter with which our mortality has to do? In our own Christian Bible, I say, we find what would seem to be confirmation of the exact state of things that the Vitalist knows as the Higher Reality.

There is another little point in the apostolic writings that the Fundamentalist glosses over. The orthodox Christian affects to be horrified by any claims that there are forms of life in the Higher Reality that can make themselves known to people in earth-life, and considers that any such notion is Spiritualism, or worse, Diabolism. Diabolism, of course, means deviltry.

In the First Epistle of John, 4:1, the apostle makes this very definite admonition: "Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God . . ." By the shades of Sir Oliver Lodge and Conan Doyle, what have we here?

The apostle couldn't advise the early church fathers to "try the spirits," unless he affirmed there were spirits to be tried. Such, you'll admit, is only simple logic. Whether "of God" or not "of God," we must first concede that the great organizers of primitive Christianity tacitly and openly acknowledged the fact of spirit-existence. Whether Christian people were to have

anything to do with them or not, seemed to be based entirely on whether or not such spirits were fit beings to associate with, mentally and morally.

The great saint's counsel leaves little to the imagination. His opinion seems to have been that if the spirits were "of God," it was by no means prohibited for Christians to contact them.

We get in the New Testament, therefore, attestation of spirit existence—and performance—out of the higher octaves, albeit with a fatherly warning not to mix ourselves up with the wrong types.

As a matter of fact, the expert researcher into psychic phenomena reads the entire account of the acts and teachings of the apostles with amused toleration of the frenzied Fundamentalists who say that trying to contact the higher forms of life is perversion, fraud, and wickedness. *The expert researcher recognizes that the whole Christian religion was started by persons who were psychic or mediumistic.* The gatherings of the major and minor disciples and apostles "in the upper chamber" after the Elder Brother's departure, were the highest and purest form of the spiritist seance. The presence of the Comforter among them was a positive performance in Materialization, while the Gift of Tongues was the practice of clairaudient Thought-Speech, the same in all languages.

I MENTION these points as entrancing digressions, not particularly to defend my own principles or findings against the Fundamentalists. The reason the latter are so squeamish about spiritist "marvels" of any kind is that up across the centuries certain classes of prelates who had become little more than religious politicians, didn't want their authority challenged by directly-speaking intelligences out of higher octaves. It would "bust up their sacred rackets" as we might put it in the language of today, if a certain type of churchman-politician—as many of the theologians in the Middle Ages were—found his statements and offices refuted by blunt truth-telling about conditions in the after-life on the part of frank discarnates. So the blanket prohibition went forth that anyone communicating with such discarnates was having traffic with devils, and the poor ignorant masses of

the time believed it. Gradually it became a "fixation" in their minds—as a set notion is described in Psychology—and thus the Fundamentalist of today follows through. He considers that by so doing he is both devout and pious, and perhaps he is. But he is likewise ignoring stupendous facts of life that he overwhelmingly needs in times like the present without fully grasping why. I will say nothing of the great Protestant denominations such as Lutheranism, Quakerism, Baptistism, and Methodism, that were all started in result of mediumship and psychical manifestations. Later I hope I'm going to have time to devote a whole discourse to what happened in the lives of John and Charles Wesley, founders of Methodism, and their mediumistic sister in the cottage at Epworth. Methodists who look down so sanctimoniously on the phenomena attendant on psychical research, might be profoundly shocked if they knew the real facts about the beginnings of their own Church. To get back, however, to the stupendous Celestial Council . . .

I CLAIM there is a stupendous assembly of majestic Personages functioning in a sort of overlordship for the direction of earthly society, and while it does not hold regular meetings, and keep minutes of its sessions, or pass on every picayune thing that occurs among humanity, it *does* exert a protective, supervising, constructive influence over earthly races, nations and movements, and most particularly of all, it *does* select and dispatch into earth-life most of the instructors, crusaders and inspirers of mankind, and sustain them individually as great issues are transacted. But right here I want to make one distinction . . .

Please don't bolt away with the notion that every leader that comes to power throughout the earth, good, bad, or indifferent, is a representative of the Celestial Council.

Don't let the erroneous idea get lodgment in your mind that everything in the way of human assembly or organization that comes to flower—especially evil flower—on the Earth Plane has been definitely ordered to appear, by these transcendent Mentors. Nowhere do we uncover any wisdom that points to such sponsorship.

Let's keep to our Board of Directors setup for enlightenment. The example of what happens in any worldly corporation holds good as well for these higher performings.

A board of directors over a business corporation is supposedly made up of wise and capable executives who attain their positions because of the interest they have in the enterprise. They set the policies, they appoint the officers, superintendents and foremen, they meet problems of management as they arise and determine what sort of product the company shall put out and where it shall be sold.

But no matter how excellently such a corporation may be conducted, the most astute abilities cannot guarantee that some ambitious foreman, or radical malcontent, mayn't suddenly take it into his head that the way to make himself a big shot is to stir up the workmen to strike for better wages, to form a union that dictates to such directors what the labor conditions of that concern shall be. Soon the whole works are in revolt, the orderly processes of manufacture are interrupted, stockholders face a loss that means a passing of dividends, and workers themselves may lose wages and jobs.

The directors had no part or parcel in starting such turmoil. What they must do, as competent officials, is to find ways to meet it, and successfully solve it. The ambitious foreman or the radical malcontent has just as much spiritual right to try to make himself a big shot by such methods—if he can succeed in them—as the directors have the right to head up the enterprise. Because such disturbances are bound to occur, the directors are placed in charge of the corporation as a whole.

Well, that is precisely the way it seems to be in the affairs of the Celestial Council of which I speak.

These self-directing spirits that find themselves turned loose in the vast arena of activity that is worldly mortality, are in every case free moral agents. True, they are subject to certain great laws of Nature, and they must always operate within the limits of human handicap. But it lies within the nature of their own "expressive godhood" to think, act, and organize after their own patterns and according to their lights.

Truth to tell, don't you see that because such is a fact, the existence and presence of this Celestial Council at the head of human affairs is necessary? It sits judicially above all worldly action, and if ambitions, or movements based on ambitions, are started, which injure the human race more than they help it, or carry it into fields and departures that are foreign to the plans that the Council may have formulated, it is the function of the Council to start counteractions quietly and wisely that neutralize such, or completely defeat them. But bear *this* in mind: they never do it by rumbling thunders from the skies or projecting phenomena that scare mortals into jitters.

No—they seem to have one proven formula for action. And it operates much like the American Government's FBI across the forty-eight States, in case malfeasance is committed.

Great numbers of colleagues and representatives of this Celestial Council are already "spotted" in human bodies, in life, and in proper localities where human life operates. These colleagues or representatives, as I've said, do not always recognize themselves for what they are till some great counteraction is called to be made. Then they get the summons.

They are suddenly and mystically awakened to the fact that a particular thing is going on in life that is neither constructive nor wholesome. It appeals to them irresistibly to *do* something about it. Just why it should appeal to them as individuals in a society that numbers millions, they never bethink to ask. But all of a sudden and for no recognizable reason, they start to rise head and shoulders above the crowd and swing into function. Men proclaim that a new "leader" has appeared in a time of vast perplexity. As a matter of cold logic, what can possibly be happening here but the same thing that happens in the national organization of the FBI when a murder or kidnaping has been pulled off?

Let's say that a great public man may be assassinated in Washington, D.C. The assassin flees the Capital, grabs a plane, and succeeds in getting as far as Madison, Wisconsin. His plane is grounded in Madison, and knowing that officers of the law are hot upon his trail, he steals a motorcar and makes a break for Canada. In northeastern Minnesota, let's say, there is a special

agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. He is young, untried, practically unknown to any but his superiors in Washington.

This young agent springs suddenly into action. He orders the local officers to block off the roads, jumps in his own machine with a couple of assistants and picking up the trail of the desperado, he begins a hot pursuit. Presently newspapermen of northern Minnesota are flashing his name and exploit to the corners of the nation. He corners his man, makes his capture, and finds himself overnight a recognized celebrity. But he never could have become such until somebody of a vicious or mischievous nature brought the demand for counteracting a crime to his door. Men say, "A new luminary in law enforcement has suddenly flashed in the national heavens." The Department of Justice itself did not move out of Washington, D. C. to lay the fugitive by the heels. It depended upon that local agent in northern Minnesota.

This should convey to your minds an illustration of the "supervision" and "control" that I mentioned previously in regard to the Celestial Council.

It depends upon agents in times of mortal stricture to arouse themselves to their duties and play decisive roles.

TO THEN, it is considered to be entirely possible that—human spirits being what they are, as aforesaid, free agents at all times—individuals, groups, and even whole governments get the wind up and decide they're going forth and straw-boss all society. We can envision that word of what's afoot might be brought to the Council just as word of a strike being promoted might be brought to the board of directors of a factory. To be humanly literal for a moment, the Councillors take counsel together and say among themselves, "Well, whom do we have representing us in earth-life competent to rise up and avert this mischief?" The competent person is agreed upon and—like Joan of Arc—that person suddenly seems to "get the Call" to rise up and lead the armies of an empire. Not only is he or she mysteriously accredited, but word gets about that some sort of supernatural voices speak to such a leader. The whole thing appears to be necromantic

and fantastic to the average layman, and the episode is put down as a freak of history. But accomplished students of things that go on in the realms above life know that it has *not* been any freak of history. It is as real as the Japanese bombing of Pearl Harbor of a recent winter Sunday.

How strange it seems, that with history lush with such occurrences, the benighted human race goes straight ahead, persisting in the notion that such "calls" are chance happenings! The outstanding example of the same thing in these United States has been Abraham Lincoln. Intimate students of Lincoln's life have turned up that he made several mysterious and disturbing statements while still a young man, and that, en route to New Orleans he said that the time was coming when he expected to be President of the United States and the one to free the slaves. Also on another occasion, after he had gained to office, he is reported to have spoken darkly of the way he was going out of life—by expected assassination.

How could he have known of such things unless he had wind of them in advance? And who would give him wind of them in advance, unless higher personages had somehow determined that he was to be the one to act for such human ennoblement?

Incidentally, I might add for the benefit of the unknowing that there is a suppressed page of Lincoln's life in the White House, that has to do with the continual visits of a clairvoyant and mediumistic adept who frequently aided him, to all intents and purposes, in getting his cues straight from the Authorities . . .

TAKE IT or leave it, we are confronted on every hand, and in almost every sequence in history, with the evidence of a "supernatural" influence in the lives of the "great." But not all activities of this Council are confined to prevention of, or counteracting, mischief. Times without number we have happenings that lead us to conclude that the greatest mortal advances are deliberately *originated* by such Councillors, and that these are planned so long in advance, in fact, that the principals supposed to intro-

duce them have time to arrange their careers, and select their own colleagues and helpers far ahead.

I want to make what I mean so definitely clear that it stays on a par with all else in your thinking. We are not required to do much examining of the mischief-workers in society for the moment; in gaining a clear idea of America's founding and America's role—in the future even more than the past—we have a more vital and impelling lore to gain, and examining what seems to have happened in America's case gives us our cues to the splendid future.

From my very first beginnings in probing these realities, particularly in getting hints here and there as to who outstanding persons may have been in their previous experiences on earth, I have been struck with this circumstance—

Every time there has been a great upward departure determined upon for society, or a great racial or national innovation to be started, uniformly the same celebrated persons, or groups of persons, have been the bell-sheep or the actors.

Here is a setup, if I be correct in my observations, that reveals whole volumes of enlightenment as to the cosmic processes and what may be going on day and night, year in and year out, century after century throughout the whole earth. The people who have paced society, and been the real leaders and instructors in one generation, cycle or dispensation, seem to have been the same people who paced society and acted as the leaders and instructors in succeeding generations, cycles, or dispensations.

Whenever there was a great radical move to be made for society's betterment or uplift, in other words, or a whole new sequence to be written in world history, unmistakably planned by the Divine Board of Directors for the "mortal corporation," it seems to have been pretty much the same people who have been picked out to start the ball rolling—or push it along until it acquired a momentum for itself.

What I am saying in effect is, that leaders and instructors of humankind, in both the cultural and political sense, constitute a sort of professional caste that goes into life and does its job because each member of it has gained qualification as an expert.

The Celestial Council, I would put it, doesn't leave a specialized job to cosmic juveniles or human amateurs, any more than a board of directors in a business corporation calls in and employs a lot of laymen from its factory yards when it wants a specialized chore done of official representation in fields abroad.

Men who are skilled in cosmic processes, who know what is in the minds of the Directors—or Councillors—by having been members of the Board themselves, who have developed the expertness and stamina to go through with hellishly difficult tasks no matter what the hostility or opposition against them, seem to be selected as a matter of common sense, to deploy into life and get results.

By way of interesting digression, let me tell you this: I was a bit thunderstruck on a recent morning on the completion of a list of names of all the men and women in the American scene who had entitled themselves to the label of Celebrities since Cabot landed on New World shores in 1521. I had gone minutely through the encyclopedia, name by name, and set down on a pad all the personages outstanding in politics, religion, art, science and statecraft who could be said to have made the United States the nation that it is, beginning with the arrival of the Old World explorers here and ending with Calvin Coolidge and Herbert Hoover. I did this in order to get a complete list of notables I wanted to write about for our magazine, *Little Visits*.

Do you know how many personages, women as well as men, have been the leaders of every line of American activity that has given our Republic predominance over other nations of the earth in the past three hundred years? Probably you would say that the number ran to thousands. It did nothing of the sort.

I couldn't get a name that increased the number above four hundred!

Just four hundred people—think of it!—and no more, have been responsible for the Great American Drama since the days of John Cabot down to the induction of the clique that we call the New Dealers.

And to carry the astonishment one step further, in my mystical explorations I have had suggestions of name after name, and personage after personage, among those four hundred, who have seemed to function in *all* the great climaxes of history in the past two thousand years. It is something to think about! . . .

Apparently the Council has four to five hundred leader-experts, whom it uses over and over to go into life and execute its policies—and each and everyone of them does it willingly and eagerly, esteeming it a privilege to be thus chosen because it is being done for the Man known to millions in His last mortal visitation as the Galilean Elder Brother.

He is, truly, the Great Avatar, of course, and following His orders is the highest service that His associates can render to universal Cosmos. But they are uniformly the same people that do it, generation after generation and age after age.

JUST WHAT the date in mortal time was, that this Great Avatar and His celestial helpers came to earth to cleanse the worldly scene of the pestilence of Sodomy, we have no means of knowing, and the date is not important. But we have implications that the Avatar Group began its Herculean labors 'way back in Lemuria, then in Atlantis, then in the Mediterranean basin—Egypt, Crete, Sumeria, Greece and Rome—then in Palestine when the Great Avatar himself took on flesh for a period, then in France and the countries of Europe, then in England in the days of Alfred and down into the Norman Conquest, next and last in the United States of America when they were mere colonies with their independence only a prospect.

Frankly I tell you that the next great sequence of their entrance into mortality as a school is the period of the present, when the installation of "a new

heaven and a new earth" awaits the end of this current period of renovation. And as I said in my previous Discourse, this current period of renovation commenced definitely when Hitler crossed the Polish border and England and France declared war upon the Nazis. The fact that the United States held back for two years before becoming a part of the universal housecleaning, has a significance of itself which I'll take up with you later . .

The same leaders, I say, have been chosen and inducted into mortality to carry out the Council's recommendations and provisions from Lemuria to Atlantis, from Atlantis to Egypt, from Egypt to Rome, from Rome to England, from England to the independence of the American colonies and the re-creation of the present United States. It is a prospect to appall us. Time means nothing in its execution.

These Vast Intellects in the higher dimensions have a purposeful program to execute in the evolution of mortal consciousness, but just as our FBI Special Agent in northern Minnesota could not "do his stuff" till the Washington assassin precipitated the conditions calling him to the lime-light, so the "tried and seasoned experts" in international ennoblement can't "do their stuff" till mischief-makers of a cosmic breed have so afflicted the nations of the earth that there is a direct summons for the School of Leaders to step out and function.

I say that we are approaching that sequence with seven-league boots at present, and this so-called War is the precipitation of the Renovation in terms of action. How do I know? Well, take it or leave it, again, but I have had representatives of the Council materialize in my presence and tell me so by word of mouth!

Let the Walter Winchells of the earth make of that declaration what they will. But that is not all. The gradual concentration of evidence upon the certainty of it is positive.

A week ago Saturday night, in Detroit, a Jewish rabbi materialized himself to a group containing four of his fellow racials and announced to them in

no uncertain terms what was to happen in the months ahead. Every word of what he said confirmed a prophetic article appearing in a recent issue of the Saturday Evening Post in which a Jewish author by the name of Mayer indicted his own racials to the effect that sooner or later the American Gentiles were going to place the blame for the Republic's present war squarely on the shoulders of the Israelites and that the reactions might easily be unthinkable. Read the article for yourselves! . . .

I have no room in these present discourses for any castigation of the Jews. I simply say that secular happening is confirming my assertions to you and that the "hypothesis" I am advancing for all these world occurrences is a page out of *Cosmos*, opened for an instant for your human eyes to read. "Hypothesis" means "a state of things assumed as a basis for reasoning, experiment, or investigation; an unsupported but demonstrable theory."

I TELL YOU with all the conviction at my command, that I believe there is present in life at the present time, operating not alone in this country but in all countries of the earth, a vast school of representatives and agents of this supreme Celestial Council whose commission it is to bring all nations of the earth into an amicable and permanent understanding, and to set up eventually a system of Politics, Economics and Ethics that truly shall model the internal life of all nations of the world on the fundamental principles of our American Constitution, but not until the international housecleaning has been completed, and certainly not for the preservation of the predatory peoples and their systems that have distinguished human life throughout the Cosmic Month of Pisces.

I dare to state that the stupendous intellects behind the universe have envisioned and proposed a *real* New Deal for the peoples of all nations, a *true* Four Freedoms for the international situation.

But this period of universal adjustment must work out its furies first. And the sagacious purpose of letting it do so, is to allow the elimination, by their own proven incapacities, of the presumptuous and bogus "leaders" who have shoved themselves forward as arbiters of society, precisely as I

pointed out in referenece to the ambitious factory foreman or radical malcontent who bethought to dictate to the board of directors of the business corporation how it was going to be with the concern or they would wreck it. Look around you, fellow Soulcraftsmen, and tell me if it is not true that such elimination is at work, weekly, daily, hourly, right here in these United States in these hectic times of so-called conflict. It truly is *not* conflict—and I say it over and over. It is upset, yes, but constructive upset—and we must consider it as such. The Norman Conquest of England was upset. Certainly the American Revolution was upset. These great innovations come to us in terms of social force. Representatives of the Celestial Council advance their ideas. Cohorts of the order that is being disturbed or uprooted deny them utterance. Suppression and censorship is the order of the day. Wherever a set of men are ensconced in power, their eviction—however lawful—is bound to call up turmoil. They “won’t give up without a fight.” But, on the other hand, you and I must look at it that in such contest the lights and shadows of the issues involved are getting maximum expression. People in general are being made to recognize and admit the merits of one system as against another. They are having their consciousness expanded and galvanized. And that, too, is all part of the benefit decreed by the Council to descend on humanity.

We should always remember and carry it in the forebrain of our thinking that the one gigantic purpose of all life here in mortality is to enhance and develop the human reasoning faculties, to make people in general the stronger apprised of their own existence as functioning beings, to perfect their *self-awareness*, so that up future careers they may function sweepingly as units in direction of the Primal Cosmic Force! Turmoil, dilemma, crisis, forever enlarges this Sense of Self-Awareness, a little more and a little more. That is the means by which Holy Spirit multiplies and expands Itself to give us a radio-dynamic universe in the organic sense. Let us get back, however, to this question of Human Leadership . . .

THIS WORLD is not a mere planet in Space; this world is an arena—a stage, if you please—for the playing out of Force against Force, thereby developing mortal Consciousness to come up gradually out of its Sodomitic beasthood and attain eventually to a sense of its true godhood. All things are subordinate to that, and when these gigantic turnovers come, we must be truly wise enough to grasp their essence.

Follow my suggestions or not as you will, I tell you that I have personal cause to believe that the things transpiring across the whole world at present are the “play-off” and “pay-off” for all the messy and inadequate strategies that the world’s incompetents have sought to put across to their own advancement and in defiance of the edicts of the Council I have mentioned. The times have rolled around under the stars when it is opportune and ordained for the true representatives of the Celestial Council to push forward and perform. And when we investigate their previous careers, I say, we find them to be—in the main—*the very same personages who have functioned effectively in many previous readjustments in the past.*

For instance, I suppose that the propagandists for our materialist-brethren will hoot at the notion I advance, that almost all of the Elder Brother’s disciples, who accompanied Him into flesh in Palestine, are present upon this earth in mortal bodies and are ready and waiting to be allowed to operate when the stricture of current Luciferian monopoly is broken.

I believe that pretty much the whole cavalcade and concourse of supernal spirit-souls who betook themselves into physical life in Galilee and Judea nineteen hundred years ago in order to witness the drama of the Christ from personal contact and observation, are likewise back here in mortal flesh, ready to take up the cudgels of final enlightenment when the padlock is broken on publicity monopolies. But here is an interesting sidelight—

I believe that hundreds of the same Lesser Avatar-Adepts went into earthly bodies in the days of the Roman acceptance of Christianity and helped to promote the installation of that Instruction for the peoples of southern Europe.

There are those educated enough among you to know something about the

strange sequence of the Catherists or Albigenses throughout France in the Middle Ages, when a great burst of spiritual illumination was exterminated by fire and sword in the interests of political orthodoxy, and thousands of people were slaughtered or sealed to die of starvation in caves because they sought to purge dogmatic Christianity of the blight of doctrinal despotism that had paralyzed its inspirational nature. The story of the Catherists, preaching a doctrine almost identical with that of Galilean Soulcraft, I likewise hope to make the subject of a whole Upper Room Discussion with you in the weeks to come. But in that strange convulsion to get the original Christian truth out to humanity, again we meet with individuals who spent a brief time in flesh to lift the spiritual tone of medieval Europe.

The founding of England, and the Norman Conquest, seems to have been another Celestial Council proposal for the general elevation of world humanity—establishing the Celtic Nordics of the world in a specific locality, with a form of free government of their own whose effects were to come to more nearly perfect fruition later in the Republic of the United States to the westward. White Nordic England ran her course and functioned under these supernal Mentors as the dominant nation of the earth during the Piscean or Water Dispensation of the zodiacal cycle. Then came a succeeding recommendation—

A vast continent to the westward waited to be peopled with the bead and cream of Piscean Britain, that they in turn might come to political and civic maturity in the Aquarian Dispensation and expound and display to the whole mortal universe the type of world society, and political organization, that was eventually to be the system for human practice around the globe.

Of course, ambitious, mischievous and bombastic entities, learning of these plans in advance, have tried to set themselves up as the real executives for such cosmic establishment. But what the Celestial Council in its superior wisdom seems to have done, is to let them capture control of society for a few years and try to conduct it. In no other way, I affirm, could it be demonstrated to either themselves or their "vassals" that they "lacked what it

took" to do the job adequately. Their exercise of the controlling function for a time, ending by making a wholesale mess of things, actually produces a situation not unlike the escape of our desperado into Canada—permitting the Minnesota G-man to do his work and come overnight into national consequence . . .

This applies not only to Lesser Avatars dispatched into mortality as later Leader-Mentors; it applies as well to the rank and file of laymen who suddenly, in one generation, have had a sense of their own roles in this Advancement blasted into their minds and hearts.

Actually, the administration of the usurpers and malcontents arouses the indignation of universal mankind, that it should let itself become the victim of such a preposterous bossing. The whole social scene is plowed and harrowed so that the sane, constructive, conscientious and competent experts—the *real* people commissioned by the Celestial Council—can gain recognition and proceed to achievement.

Fighting grimly the increasing encroachments of the usurpers and malcontents may seem a contradictory thing for the real administrators and experts to do if they know in advance that the last must have their hour in control of institutions. On the other hand, perhaps some of the more enlightened among those experts grasp the fact that only by making such preliminary battle can they start to identify themselves before the lay public and thus nominate themselves for their true work when the season for it opens.

You and I recognize that in every great drama played upon the stage, the villain is just as essential and vital as the hero. Indeed, every playwright knows that without an adequate villain there could be no hero, else how would the audience know what the hero was battling that gave him his identity?

In the case of the Celestial Council, it seems to be a fact that the villains allowed to play such roles in the current earth-drama are not so much "bad" people as "ignorant" people—people that have the legitimate urge to power but have not lived long enough in the cosmic sense, nor been through enough in the experience sense, to perfect their capabilities to successful administra-

tion. They are still living and operating in the consciousness of their own petty personalities, whereas the true Celestial agent thinks nothing of himself whatever. His concern is wholly with the *commission* that has been entrusted to him to execute. He knows how to "get along with people" and "take groups along with him" because personal credit or acclaim plays small part in his thinking. Furthermore, what mankind thinks—or doesn't think of him—ruffles no hair on his head, either. He is subconsciously accountable only to the Great Avatar, and his Lesser Avatar colleagues, for his behavior or results, and if he satisfies *them*, his concerns are ended. This eccentric detachment, the ignorant among men term "altruism." Altruism means "devotion to the interests of others; disinterested benevolence; opposed to egotism," according to the dictionary. It truly is nothing of the sort. It is merely working for a different set of employers than the world suspects. It is having deaf ears for the applause of humanity because it is not the applause of humanity that the worker desires. The "special agent" of the Celestial Council wants only the commendation of the Chairman of the Board. That humankind profits, is the Chairman's concern and strategy. The "agent" is the means by which the Chairman gets effect.

WHEN YOU begin to alter your current thinking to follow along these lines, and start to catch the picture of the truth of this premise, your present strain and panic begin to drain away from you. And I can tell you as sincerely as I ever told anyone anything in my life, that when your current strain and panic begin to drain away from you, demonstrations start to happen that this higher thing is real. You can't get the demonstrations when you're all crossed up with frights, stresses, combats and animosities—because your mind is focused on these emotions and it crowds out all else. Only when the big, strong, beautiful assurance begins to come to you that this earth's troubles of the moment are a sort of "fix-it" period, that as Lincoln said, "—this too will pass," do you start to relax and see this sequence for its purpose.

Have you ever been in a building where partitions were being torn out,

floors were being altered, new windows being cut and stairways being innovated? You'll remember in such a scene how the plaster dust flies till you can scarcely see the workmen through it, how the din of bars wrenching out bricks and hammers putting up new construction make it almost impossible to hear your closest companion. All looks to be debris and confusion—to say nothing of racket.

Go back into the same premises a month, two months, later, however, when the masons are finished and the carpenters departed. The dust has gone, the debris removed. Painters and decorators have made a thing of beauty of a set of walls and roof, which, when they began, was a community eyesore. Well, this whole earth right now is in the stage of knocking out bricks for new windows and pulling up floors for new entrance-ways. We're in the din and confusion of new alteration and sometimes it's difficult indeed to hear what our closest fellowman is shouting to us. No matter. Have patience. Wait till the painters and the decorators get on the job! There's a splendid array of them waiting in the vicinity, to turn these world premises into something of a startling wonderment.

How do I know it? Again I say, I've walked among them and talked craftsmanship with them. *I trust I'm one with them myself!* They'll get busy presently, when the junkmen and scavengers have departed with their salvage. Their period is short. Mayhap they will reach the turning point of their contribution in July of this year. By 1945 the altered world-premises should be ready for decoration! . . .

THE THING that I want to leave in your consciousness from this discourse is that, granting we start only with the period of the Palestinian Drama, and travel back no further, we seem to discover that the same soul-spirits—or Personages—who played the leading parts in the first Christian sequence, moved along into another fling at life in the Constantine period of Rome, moved along again and had another in the Catherist period of France, moved along and held another in the Alfredian period of Britain, moved along and had another in the colonial period in America, and now,

in this Aquarian Prologue, we suspect a great school of them to be in flesh once more, waiting to make something very beautiful and stable out of an earth that has been purified by the defeat of the incompetents. That the United States of America will probably be the base of their chief operations seems to be logical from the evidence. The very composition of the Republic itself gives rise to such assumption.

If I read my clairaudient "short-wave" aright, America wasn't set up as a prototype of civics or economics for all the countries of the earth to copy, but to reveal to mankind what a great State could be attained when built on certain cosmic principles, gradually extending the influence of her selflessness under allocated Master Minds, till other peoples of the earth follow suit. Meantime there are other Council servants working in other lands to effect the same altruism, in principle if not in the same degree, among their own nationals.

LET ALL of us take heart.

This grand work can not be accomplished in a day, but the recognition, and realization, that a vast union of master minds is concentrated on the labor, should furnish consolation to those who have been despairing. The Great Master, Christ, never instituted what He did and then ascended off into the ether to leave this world to run itself. *I have evidence otherwise!* Now then, having gotten this additional data about the Council's representations painted in, let us go a step further next week and consider its deliberations in terms of Completions . . .

For the intervening time, meditate upon these things that I have told you and get them fastened in your thinking.

For Christ and Constitution,

