

Beloved Companion:

No thinking individual is entirely without a convinced acceptance and acknowledgement of the influences which seemingly control life. Whether we call it Fate, Destiny, Karma, or Luck, we have all observed its subtle activity in the drama of life. Of course you and I understand the operation of these forces, but up to this time we have not related such powers with the Cyclic Laws. In other words, those Cosmic Laws governing various dispensations.

To a large extent, those forces which are neither Karmic or stellar, which seem to have no rational reason for operating in the life of an individual, whether they bring about benefic or adverse conditions, may be said to be Cosmic. In other words, they are beyond the influence of Karma, and operate separate and apart from the stresses of any individual life. Forces for instance, which may be connected with the Precession of the Equinoxes. Forces in which the individual has no personal part, but in which he is included not by virtue of personal selection, but because he is an inseparable part of the whole. The Piscean Age, for instance, was not brought into being, and is not drawing to a close, because the Karma of any single individual, or any group of individuals demanded its influence. The Piscean Age, and all others preceding and to follow, was brought into manifestation because of a Power greater than that of any single human ego.

Now we say that every being has the right and the ability to manifest his Free Will. That is true. But Free Will can be no greater than the capacity of the individual. A moth also has the privilege of exercising Free Will, but nevertheless such freedom of choice never accomplishes that which is possible to a human being with the same privilege. Class and type limit attainment.

Remember, if Free Will is a common privilege of all forms of life, then the Logos also enjoys that right. In one form it is expressed thru the operation of the Greater Zodiacal forces. In other words, the Precession of the Equinoxes is the choice of the Logos. Of course you observe exactly what that implies; it means that the power of Free Will is measured in proportion to the station of consciousness in question. For instance; the silk worm is cultivated for a specific purpose by man. During its life, the worm is the master of its fate; it eats when it chooses, it moves as it likes, in short, it lives its own life undisturbed by man. However, when a certain stage is reached, then the Free Will of man enters into the situation, overcomes the Free Will of the worm, and utilizes the properties of the worm for a purpose higher and more enduring than the worm itself could either accomplish or understand. In the same way, man lives his own life; his Free Will is operative on his own level. If he be a person of advancement, perhaps he may be able to extend the influence of Free Will to higher planes; that is the purpose of mental and spiritual advancement - to break thru the shackles of the purely animal physical and function on the more elevated realms. But he has no control of the Cosmic Forces as applied to the Greater Zodiacal dispensation in which he manifests....they are arranged according to a pattern and for a purpose to which he must assent.

But, is this simply the unjust and arbitrary control of the Logos, taking advantage of human weakness to exercise Divine command? Certainly not - every soul is connected with its Universal cycle just as the Logos is connected with a Cosmic cycle. Man's Will and free choice extend over as large a range as is necessary and suitable

for his development. The kindergarten pupil is not permitted to control the entire grammar school, even tho he may be an exceptionally brilliant kindergarten pupil. There are others whose judgment is better, and whose knowledge is wider, even tho he may stand at the head of his particular class. Likewise, each of us is subservient to a higher power, else development would not be possible.

Furthermore, one's Karma, while it does not cause a cycle, is affected by a cycle. At the present time, all Karma is being worked out according to the opportunities of the Aquarian Age; the methods may be different from those of previous ages, but the results will be entirely in keeping with the needs of each soul.

We readily perceive, therefore, that the Will of the Logos is more largely constructive and uplifting than the Will of any single individual. Logodial Will is so all-inclusive that it is capable of assisting the entire Life swarm higher and higher toward its goal. It is so immense as to have the good of each Kingdom as its chief objective. Hence there are cases wherein an individual here and there finds himself entirely at cross-purposes with current trends. Logodial Will is just, indeed so discerning that it weighs each element of life impartially and balances it against the good of the whole. The Aquarian Age and all that it means will not be stopped because here and there an individual is wholly out of tune with the vibrations of this Age.

We have elaborated upon this particular point for there has been much misunderstanding regarding Fate and those lives which seem to battle unceasingly against the so-called "Will of God." Occasionally we find individuals, or even families, who seem to be burdened down under one distressing condition after another. It would seem that whatever they do ends in chaos and disaster, their abject humility under the seeming lashings of fate, availing them nothing. Such situations as this cause the skeptic to scoff and declare that the Love of God is a fallacy, that no sympathetic Power would permit such disasters. What the skeptic fails to take into consideration is that the Will of the Logos is not intentionally merciless, it is Just and entirely Good. There can be no happiness where there is not Harmony between the Cyclic Laws and man's Free Will. If one is determined to discount the natural influences of his Age, then all of his humility and praying is of no avail; God has spoken thru his Laws, He has declared the Way, man cannot designate a by-path and pray for strength and blessing in following it. The person who is out of harmony with the Universe is like the soldier who is out of step in a marching column. The difficulties which come to him are generated because of unbalance and are for the purpose of helping him to establish his place in the great Cosmic Rhythm.

When one's strivings meet with unending, repeated disaster, there is no purpose in reviling God, in traducing Fate. Millions of persons are happy for they have found the secret of happiness in harmony with the Cosmos...that which has been possible for them is possible for everyone.

In the Bonds of the Eternal Brotherhood.