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FOREWORD

After many months of close study and investigation of the Ballard doctrines, the evidence before me proves that these teachings have not originated from "Ascended Master" sources as alleged, but are products of negative psychism, imagination, and the wholesale appropriation from the writings of other authors.

In Brochure No. 1 it was clearly shown that Mr. Ballard's experiences as recorded in his books could not have occurred as alleged. Brochure No. 2 showed that many of the Ballard teachings were not only fallacious, but subversive of true Christ-like spirituality.

In the present work — Brochure No. 3 — some of the most fantastic and spiritually paralyzing doctrines of the Ballards will be considered. A forthcoming publication — Brochure No. 4 — will show unmistakably the real sources of the Ballard teachings.

I am, in these brochures, gathering together certain *facts* which the Ballard system of mental narcosis has been able effectually to conceal from many of their students. It is my obligation to uncover and to present these facts, and I am doing it in a legitimate, open, educational way. If you cannot see this movement the way I see it, with its grotesque impossibilities and absurdities, its willful giving out as absolute truth that which is but fiction, then that is your privilege and I have no wish to impose these ideas upon you. Your freedom of will is estimated more highly by me than your personal acceptance — provided it is real freedom and not a species of hypnotic slavery.

In this endeavor to call up within you the God-given qualities of discrimination and intuition, I am not making myself karmically responsible for anything but Good. I

am but using the legitimate method of the educator, and I am trying to do it as impersonally as if I pointed out an error in a problem in a mathematics class. There is feeling involved, but only, I hope, that which comes from an ardent love of Truth, Righteousness, and Intellectual Honesty, together with an earnest desire to do my part to help others as I would in turn like to be helped by those who have access to information which has not been accessible to me. Godspeed you — and the Ballards — toward the shining light of Truth.

MR. BALLARD'S REPLY

When Brochure No. 1 was published, I mailed Mr. Ballard a copy of it by registered mail with the following statement:

“If you are in any way able to explain these discrepancies of dates and inaccuracies of subject matter, I will feel greatly obligated to make an announcement of your explanation and publicly apologize to you for having misjudged you or your writings, and do everything in my power to set matters straight.”

Mr. Ballard's reply to this was not direct, but through another individual. A nationally known teacher of mysticism wrote Mr. Ballard and asked him what answer he could give to his many students regarding my brochures. Mr. Ballard wrote him as follows:

“As to Dr. G. B. Bryan, I simply say this — all our time, money and energy is being spent to heal, illumine, protect and to help set free the sincere students of Light who come to us. *We never concern ourselves with the ravings of ignorant human beings nor with the self-created so-called discrepancies which exist only in their own vicious imagination.* May their own Mighty I AM Presence illumine their darkened minds with its boundless light and set them free in the service of the Light.”

In the first part of this statement Mr. Ballard leads one to believe that he is *spending all his money* “to help set free the sincere students of Light.”

Now where did all this money come from which Mr. Ballard says he is spending to help the students? Did it come from the gold mine mentioned in the "Magic Presence," from which "millions of dollars had been taken"? Did it come from the mine that was to be opened up upon Mr. Ballard's "return" from the Far East over four years ago and the ore used for the "blessing and illumination of mankind"? Did it come from the fabulous wealth stored in the various retreats? Did it come by the power of precipitation which "Saint Germain" said was in such easy reach?

No, it came not from any of those sources. *It came from the students.* They worked and earned it by normal human processes, and gave it to Mr. and Mrs. Ballard. And by means of it the Ballard family has been lifted to a scale of living unknown by it before.

This money came by the sale of merchandise at good prices and from *solicited* "love offerings." The Ballards practically make it a necessity for their "nearly 200,000 students" (estimated by "Saint Germain" himself) to possess for themselves the four "I AM" books, at an expenditure of approximately \$10.00 per person. This of itself amounts to Two Million Dollars, merely for the sale of the books. But many purchase the "Chart of the Presence" and subscribe to the Ballard magazine, an additional expenditure of \$3.50. Then there are other necessary items for many, such as pictures of "Jesus" and "Saint Germain" at \$2.00 each, to say nothing of victrola records at \$3.00 each, and rings, pins, bookmarks, folders, seals, etc., ranging from \$.10 to \$12.00 for each item. Then there are the "love offerings" made at their well-attended classes, which they themselves usually say are

“large and crowded to the doors.” And lastly there are the “private donations” from wealthy persons to further an “Ascended Master’s Work.”

Clearly the remunerative side of this so-called “*work of Jesus and Saint Germain*” has tremendous financial possibilities — for the Ballards. In two years time it could well run into millions of dollars. There is no telling what people would pay for their “ascension” and the other marvels virtually promised by the Ballards. Yet despite this, Mr. Ballard has insisted on the platform many times that he and Mrs. Ballard *own not a thing of their own* except their “personal effects,” and that it all goes back into the work. In his reply quoted above, he says he spends it *all* “to help set free the sincere students of Light.” But we have definitely shown that it is the STUDENTS who have spent their money on Mr. Ballard.

Then as to this “time” and “energy” that Mr. Ballard says he is spending, this is hardly more than is spent by millions of other people in pursuing their respective vocations — without, by the way, attended by such glory and acclaim from the adoring multitude. And all this, he says, “*is being spent to heal, illumine, protect and to help set free the sincere students of Light.*”

Now, I ask these students of the Light how much they are being “*set free*” by the Ballard method of absolute subservience to the mandates of Mr. and Mrs. Ballard and their “Ascended Masters”? I ask them how much real “*illumination*” they are receiving when they are commanded “not to question,” or to use their God-given powers of discrimination to help them in their search for Truth? I ask them how much “*protection*” they are receiving when by the Ballard method of development they

are negatively opening up their centers to psychic forces from supposedly cosmic planes under the delusion that these influences are wholly divine?

This part of Mr. Ballard's reply is clearly no answer to the comments and revelations made in these brochures. It simply tries to get over the idea that the Ballards are giving all and receiving little.

With respect to the other part of Mr. Ballard's letter, saying: "*We never concern ourselves with the ravings of ignorant human beings,*" this is simply the theatrical assumption of a lordly attitude. It does not prove in the least that there were any "ravings" in the brochure in question, nor that the author of it was "ignorant."

And when Mr. Ballard says that he does not concern himself "*with the self-created so-called discrepancies which exist only in their own vicious imagination,*" that is only a further evading of the question. But it does prove that Mr. Ballard does not hesitate to criticise and condemn human beings in a way that very few Truth students would dare do. And this is done in total disregard for the truth of the matter, as we shall show.

Those who have read former brochures of this series know that I have taken Mr. Ballard's *own statements* to prove the falsity of his claims. They were *not* "self-created," as he says, nor did they exist in my "imagination." They were down in black and white in his own books. If they were imaginative, as he says they were, then it was *his* imagination and not mine that brought them into being.

It was Mr. Ballard's imagination, and not mine, which concocted the story of setting sail on the S.S. MAJESTIC for India and the Far East on August 28th, as recorded

on Page 297 of the "Magic Presence." The fact that the Cunard-White Star Line (who had charge of the sailings) wrote me that he did not sail on that day, nor during that month, is not their imagination nor mine. It is sober fact. And fiction against fact is hard to explain. Thus it is with the many other discrepancies considered in Brochures No. 1 and No. 2.

Mr. Ballard had just two courses to take in answer to my brochures and letter to him: (1) To acknowledge and explain the real truth concerning his experiences and teachings, or (2) to presume to ignore the evidence presented in these brochures. He has chosen the latter course, I am sorry to say; and therefore it becomes necessary to heap up so many facts in this and forthcoming brochures that it will give, if possible, overwhelming proof to those of his followers who still have their devoted heads in the unstable sands of illusion and personality worship. God help him, and them, to understand that Truth is still the most prized possession of mankind, and nothing that is not based on Truth can survive.

WHO CREATED THE ANIMALS?

One of the most fantastic doctrines of the Ballards is that animals are creations, not of God, but of Black Magicians.

"Saint Germain" himself is authority for this. On Page 22, in the October, 1936 issue of their official magazine, "The Voice of the I AM," he says:

"The last of the powerful black magicians have been seized, bound and taken from the activity of the earth forever . . .

With the seizing and binding of those two powerful black magicians, the animal forms of earth will withdraw . . .

While it may hurt some, the Mighty Truth is, that *animal forms were created in the beginning, by these powerful black magicians.*"

Now if this is true, it is strange that Mr. Ballard's first book, "Unveiled Mysteries," should have discussed so freely these creations of evil. Mr. Ballard's friend, the panther, was thought so much of by "Saint Germain" in that book that he permitted it to guard the body of Mr. Ballard while the latter was on a soul flight. And Mr. Ballard, referring to this animal, said on page 31 of that book.*

"This beautiful animal was a part of God's Life . . . "

*The dates, quotations, and page numbers are taken from the first editions of the Ballard books. Later editions may or may not have page numbers corresponding with these quotations.

The italicized and bold-face type in the quotations are our own, as also the use of small capitals in the presentment of contrasting passages.

This statement does not fit in with "Saint Germain's" idea that it was the *Black Magician's* life that created it, nor does this same animal's supreme sacrifice in saving Mr. Ballard's life from the attack of the "mountain lion" fit in with the notion that it was an evil creation.

The whole thing is a hopeless contradiction. All this talk about the love and devotion of a panther friend who became Mr. Ballard's faithful companion, and then to be told that it was a creation of evil!

In "Unveiled Mysteries," pages 232-33, the story is told by Mr. Ballard of this same panther saving his life when it "locked in mortal combat" with a "*mountain lion*" who had leaped at Mr. Ballard, and they "screamed, rolled, tore, and clawed each other" until both were killed. It may or may not be good fiction, in accordance with one's idea about such matters, but that it IS fiction is proved by the fact that this "considerably heavier mountain lion" and "panther" are *one and the same kind of animal* in that part of the country, only known by different names. The Encyclopaedia Britannica says so, as do other authors who know their North American animals, and further, that it "rarely attacks man."

But let us go on to further statements about animals in general. Mrs. Ballard has told us many times from the platform that:

"Animals are the *condensation of evil* of this earth of the feelings and thoughts of the past."

I took this down as she spoke, and I am sure it is correctly quoted. "Saint Germain" says:

"Animals were not in existence upon this planet during the first two Golden Ages . . . The FIRST

CREATION described in Genesis, referred to these two Golden Ages and they were described as 'very good'." (Page 145, "Magic Presence.")

Now this "FIRST CREATION" story, referred to above, is very definitely given in the Bible. There it says that animals WERE in existence at that time, despite what "Saint Germain" allegedly says, with an idea of proving that the Bible agrees with him. It doesn't at all, for:

" . . . God said, Let the earth bring forth living creatures after their kind, **cattle**, and **creeping things**, and **beasts** of the earth after their kind: and it was so . . . and *God saw that it was GOOD.*" (Genesis 1:24-25.)

Evidently "Saint Germain of the Ballards" did not know that in this "FIRST CREATION" story in Genesis there was a verse describing how *GOD* created the animals. Man himself, according to this Bible story, was not created until *after* the animals were created. How, then, could man create animals when he himself had not been created?

Also the Bible infers in no way that the animals creation was "evil." On the contrary it says: "*God saw that it was good.*" "Saint Germain" erroneously says above that the "two Golden Ages" were described as "very good," whereas the Bible specifically says that it was the animal creation that was "very good." No really ascended Master could make such a serious mistake in quoting from a sacred book; neither would he change the meaning around to suit his purposes.

Inasmuch as we feel that our animal friends have been done a grave injustice, we wish to synthesize here the "occult" and "Biblical" teachings concerning the Four

Kingdoms of Nature, in an endeavor to straighten out these misconceptions regarding animals.

According to the teachings of many different occult schools there are four separate and distinct creations on this earth. We list them below:

1. Mineral Kingdom creation
2. Plant Kingdom creation
3. Animal Kingdom creation
4. Human Kingdom creation.

The Bible bears this conception out to the very letter, as you will find if you read the 1st Chapter of Genesis. We give it below in tabular form for purposes of comparison with the above.

Verse 1. "In the beginning God created the heavens and the *earth* . . . " (**Mineral Kingdom.**)

Verse 11. "And God said, Let the earth put forth *grass*, herbs yielding seed . . . " (**Plant Kingdom.**)

Verse 24. "And God said, Let the earth bring forth living creatures after their kind, *cattle*, and creeping things . . . " (**Animal Kingdom.**)

Verse 26. "And God said, Let us make *man* in our image . . . and let them have dominion . . . over all the earth . . . " (**Human Kingdom.**)

Not only is there agreement here between the "occult" and "Bible" teachings concerning these four kingdoms of nature, but it is also in agreement with the modern scientific hypothesis of evolution, which conceives of graded steps from the lower creations to the higher. If the animal kingdom as a link in the evolutionary chain is taken away, a gap is left which seems impossible to bridge.

In the face of all this evidence, both sacred and scientific, it is impossible to believe what the Ballards say about the animal evolution. They deny the idea of the Overshadowing Presence of God working through His third creation, and teach that man's evil thoughts and feelings have created the faithful dog and the serving horse. They make spiritual outcasts of the creatures of the forest and fireside, and deny them any part in the Great Evolutionary Plan of God. Even their most devout followers hesitate about accepting it.

If they do accept it, then — to be consistent — the Ballard students would have to stop using milk, butter, ice cream, and other dairy products. These things are "evil," having come into being because of the activity of "Black Magicians" who created the contented cow and other milk-bearing animals.

And certainly wearing a fur around one's neck just for vanity's sake would be most inconsistent, if animals are creations of Black Magicians.

If the "I AM" students do not accept the animal creation dictum of "Saint Germain," then they are placed in the predicament of questioning the infallibility of an "Ascended Master," which the students are warned not to do.

It seems that the only way out is for them to do a little thinking of their own — in this as well as other matters.

THE BALLARD TABOOS

The Ballards during a comparative short time have built up a system of taboos second only to the taboos of some of the lower races of mankind. The student does not get very far in the work before interdictions begin to break in on his peace of mind, and he has to take pledges and what not in order to be permitted to continue in his "I AM" class work. His own freedom of will is held in abeyance, and he begins to have his life ruled by the mandates of others, by a system of "Do's and Don't's."

First of all he has to forswear all other teachings and books. "*I urge the students everywhere, with all the Love at my command, to forget everything else you have ever studied.*" This taboo comes from no less a personage than *Jesus Himself* — so the Ballards inform us. And their students take a sacred pledge to abide by it. Instead of reading Jesus' own statements as recorded in the Gospels, they are just to read the *Ballard* books!

Particularly is the mark of the taboo placed on astrological books. But it is best to *burn* them all up, to save them from falling into the hands of the unwary. To be consistent, the Bible itself — with its many astrological references — would have to meet this fate.

Certain individuals are to be shunned, and the pledge is taken "*never to have anything to do with mediums and so-called clairvoyants.*"

Any use of Tarot cards, numerology, or even the ordinary "**playing cards**" for diversion or sociability is sufficiently evil as to obligate the student to take a solemn pledge "*never to have anything to do with them.*"

Of course such unhealthful things as alcohol, narcotics,

and tobacco are expected to be banned. But we gasp with astonishment to find that the lowly **onion** and its vigorous cousin, the **garlic bulb**, also falls under prohibition, and is made part of a sacred pledge:

“I shall not use garlic or onion, knowing that *the Ascended Masters will not come near me if I do.*”

Imagine it! As though onions could keep the Master Jesus away when there was some service to perform.

After reading what “Saint Germain” had to say about physical remedies, I had thought that such things as onions, garlic, and drugs had *no power* over the “I AM” students, much less over an “Ascended Master.” I quote from his own statement:

“ . . . Whatever remedial agent they use, whether exercise, drugs or anything else, *has little effect, IF ANY*, except the quality and power they have consciously given these agents.” (Page 235, “I AM” Discourses.)

Now if this statement is really true, then onions or garlic have little effect, IF ANY — except the quality and power students have consciously given these agents.

Logically then, *the proper* “I AM” method of contending with this rising evil of garlic and onions would be NOT to give conscious acceptance to the “quality and power” of onions and garlic. Instead, the Ballards illogically ban their use — for the reason that “the Ascended Masters will not come near” if the students use them.

Certainly one would think that with the power that “Saint Germain” has in tying up black magicians and leveling mighty temples to the ground by merely concentrating his mind, and many other wonderful feats of

magic, that he would not be particularly inconvenienced if one of the faithful fell occasionally for a nice onion sandwich.

Likewise, serums, narcotics, alcohol, meat, tobacco, excess sugar and salt, and strong tea and coffee are taboo, despite the inconsistency with the above quotation of "Saint Germain." The student pledges that he will "*never again use*" these things, notwithstanding that in certain extremities of his life he may be *forced* to do so. The pledge makes no provision for the unexpected eventualities of human existence.

According to Mrs. Ballard's platform statement it seems that *all* electrical treatment devices are banned except the ultra-violet light. One other, of course, is permitted — the wonderful Electronic Accelerator — but no human, except Mr. Ballard, has ever said he has sat in it. All these prohibitions are made despite the fact that brilliant advances are being made in healing by means of electricity and light.

It seems also that the time-tested value of exercise is a needless effort, for there are better and easier ways of keeping fit. "Saint Germain" says:

"I have in my students, many, many times enabled them to produce powerful muscles in a symmetrical, beautiful body without having taken a single exercise to do it." (Page 66, "I AM Discourses.")

Instead of old-fashioned methods of **reducing**, it is only necessary to pass the hands down over the body with "deep earnest feeling" and one "will be amazed at the results." "Saint Germain" says of it that this "is the greatest reducer in the world." (See Page 233 of the "I

AM Discourses.”) We hope our obese friends have not been too greatly disappointed in this method.

In order to become a member of a closed Ballard class all students, without regard for individual spiritual development, *must* take a pledge to use the sex force “solely for providing a physical vehicle for a brother seeking physical re-embodiment.”

In the early days of their work the Ballards published instructions from “Saint Germain” as to “the conduct of study groups.” These instructions said:

“The *only conditions* through which the Ascended Master, Saint Germain, and we as Messengers, will work with study groups are as follows:”

The conditions that followed seemed very simple and fair. They insisted on absolute harmony, meditation upon the Mighty I AM Presence, and conscious projection of the Light Rays, and credit and acknowledgment to the Mighty I AM Presence at all times. There were to be no large classes (restricted to 21) and there was no interference with the personal lives of students and the taking of pledges.

But now, only a year later, we find a system of bans and privileges (all copyrighted by the Saint Germain Press), which unless obeyed no student can attend the closed class work. Instead of the beautiful freedom of the “I AM” there is slavery to personality, and the taking of pledges that are fearfully and wonderfully made. *What will the end be?*

THE BAN ON THE COLOR RED

The Ballards instruct their students not to use red because this color is "never, never, never used by an Ascended Master." (See Page 4, April, 1936, "Voice of the I AM.")

Now the vibration which we record as red is part of God's creation, and has its function in the Divine Plan. It makes up part of the Great Spectrum of the Universe. It forms one of the septenary colors of the rainbow. It has its reflections and overtones in the musical scale. As such, it *cannot* be eliminated from the scheme of things.

The fathers of this Nation thought sufficient of it as to make it part of the flag we love. Our Heavenly Father uses it profusely in many of His beautiful creations of Nature. It glows in the sunset, and it reflects in the deep gorges and canyons of earth. It shines in the heart of the ruby and reveals itself in the rose. The crimson plumage of birds and the gaily colored leaves of autumn all help to make an otherwise drab world beautiful with color. Everywhere throughout Nature the Divine Artist has with bold strokes worked the pigment red into His masterpieces, and the earth is more beautiful and glorious because of it.

It is a sacrilege to denounce the God-created ray of red and to place it under a special taboo. One cannot annihilate red from the universe, and even the "Ascended Masters" *must* make use of it in some degree. The Ballard students themselves, in their fetish for the color violet, cannot escape using it—for is not violet a mixture of blue and *RED*? If God uses red to glorify His creation, why cannot man learn to make use of it?

SACREDNESS OF A PLEDGE

The Ballard students, as we have shown, take solemn pledges, some of which from the very nature of things they must break every hour of the day.

I quote from the Ballards' copyrighted "DECREE FOR THE ASCENSION," a document that is signed in pen and ink by the students and then burned in a sacred ceremony to make it more impressive:

"I hereby pledge and decree that I shall *never again* recognize or enter into criticism, condemnation, judgment, or DISCUSSION of the deeds or words of any Group Leader or student of the "I AM" or any other individual or any thing."

In this decree they pledge themselves never to enter into "discussion" of the "deeds or words" of **any body** or **any thing**. In other words — if my understanding of the English language does not fail me — the Ballard students who take this pledge *cannot discuss anything with anybody!*

Of course, if they are human beings at all, they cannot possibly live up to it. They take the pledge merely to break it. And a pledge is, and should be, a sacred thing.

I quote part of the pledge that is taken by every member of a closed class:

"I will refuse in the future to listen to any silly human gossip, CRITICISM, condemnation and judgment of anything or about anybody."

Now of course no sincere Truth student ever wants to listen to "silly human gossip," but with respect to this much maligned thing we call "criticism," it is a *legitimate*

faculty of the human mind, which when properly used will save us many griefs. We should, as a matter of fact, thank God for the privilege of listening to fair criticism instead of taking a sacred pledge never to listen to it. If your best friend came to you in all kindness and told you that you were unknowingly doing something that was wrong, that would certainly be a criticism. But according to the pledge you would have to walk away from your friend and not listen to him. We learn more from fair and just criticism than we do from unintelligent applause.

There are two kinds of criticism as we all know. I think a carping, nagging criticism is a real obstacle to spiritual growth. But a fair-minded, critical survey of the right and wrong of a thing is merely the exercise of our God-given right of discrimination. And unless we use it, we are lost. There are too many who do not want any analysis or criticism of their acts and teachings. The *true* spiritual teacher, however, seeks to arouse within his students a fair-minded and reasonable criticism of what is given them.

Those who demand pledges from students not to criticise are usually those who give themselves the utmost license to criticise. We see it all through the Ballard books and platform utterances. They criticise and condemn astrology — and most of the other 'ologies. They hold a judgment for other schools of thought, inasmuch as they say *they* are the only ones who are receiving "Ascended Master" teachings. They write personal letters to former students judging and condemning them because they no longer see with the Ballard eyes, and they prophesy dire happenings for them. They send forth terrific

decrees, and project the "Blue Lightning" into "any activity that seeks to interfere with the success of the 'I AM' work," and they **blast** the "Communistic activities, etc.," their cause and effect, from the face of the earth forever.

Mr. Ballard in his San Francisco address made the following decree:

"Mighty I AM Presence!" Seize! bind those two black magicians in Europe THIS HOUR! Take them! hold them bound that their influence touch Europe or the world no more . . .

Seize their emissaries! seize all who do not serve the Light! bind them and take them away from humanity, the earth and its atmosphere. You *wretched creatures*, who have sought to interfere with the Light and Its Expansion — the Light of the 'Mighty I AM Presence,' YOUR DAY IS DONE TODAY." [Their capitals.]

(Page 19, October issue "Voice of the I AM.")

That is criticism, condemnation, and judgment to the 'nth degree, and the exercise of prerogatives that only the greatest Beings in the universe would dare or have any right to use. The Ballards require their *students* to take a sacred pledge never even to use their critical faculty to sanely judge a teaching or proposition; BUT for *themselves* they reserve and exercise every right to criticise and condemn anything and everything under the sun they choose!

FREEDOM OF WILL OF THE INDIVIDUAL

It would be enlightening to the student to look up the effect that taboos have had upon the races of mankind, for both good and ill. Webster gives the following definition:

“The taboo is a sacred interdiction laid upon the use of certain things or words or the performance of certain actions. The taboo is commonly imposed by chiefs or priests . . . The use of taboos is *found among most races of low culture.*”

Taboos against certain harmful things have no doubt served to keep the human race in line. But along with this practise of the taboo has come the selfish use of it by priest and king to control for their own ends the people they ruled. It operated through *fear*. Frequently the taboos were utter nonsense, made without regard for the spiritual and material interests of the people. Because of widespread superstition and credulity, taboos had a terrific power to *enslave*, which the spiritual and material rulers of those days well knew. And so the masses were victimized by a system of bans and privileges, which continues in some degree even to this day.

In this really more enlightened age, however, the taboo operates in a much less crudely superstitious form than of old. It is found in the creeds, dogmas, and doctrines of all civilized races, and no doubt for a long time to come these crystallized outer forms of conduct and belief will necessarily have to play their part for good and ill. To the extent that a man is able to *rule himself*, and obey the *Golden Rule*, will these outer forms of restraint and guidance be unnecessary.

The most valuable possession of man is his **freedom of will**, and it is *profoundly respected by all truly great teachers*. Others may direct him up to a certain point, but there will come a time in his spiritual evolution when the individual himself through his own Divine Wisdom must decide what is right and what is wrong for him. No external system of taboos can ever be of real, permanent spiritual service to him. On the contrary such things may well make for slavery to personalities, creeds, and doctrines, which have dominated the human race for eons of time and held it back enormously in evolution.

THE ENTITY DECREES OF THE BALLARDS

A large part of the time of the Ballard students is taken up in concentrating upon the vicious entities of the astral world and annihilating them from the face of the earth.

In the August, 1936 issue of the "Voice of the I AM" a long article is devoted to entities that hang around in the earth's atmosphere and in people's auras. It begins with this statement:

"The Ascended Masters on July 4th, 1936 gave their Third Specific Decree for the Complete Freedom of mankind and the earth . . . Before *It no discord nor sinister activity can longer exist.*" (Page 14.)

Despite the fact that this decree is supposed to have been given by the Ascended Masters and does not therefore rightfully belong to any human being or organization, the Ballards have had it *copyrighted* in their own name. It seems they were able to tune in on this cosmic utterance — *and right away they proceeded to have it copyrighted!* How can the cosmic fiats of a God be copyrighted? They belong to no human individual, but to the universe. Does not the copyright suggest that it might well be a Ballard creation? Anyway, I quote this "Mighty Decree," in part, as follows:

"Send Legions of Thy Angel Devas of the Blue Lightning of Divine Love to *seize, bind and remove* from within and around me and my world all entities — carnate and discarnate forever; if they be of human creation, **annihilate** them, their cause and effect this instant; if they be dis-

carnate, take them out of the atmosphere of earth and to the feet of the Ascended Masters; . . . *keep them bound* until they willingly and gladly serve the 'Mighty I AM Presence'."

Considering the all-powerful influence of the Ascended Host and the Ballards' definite statement that "*before this MIGHTY DECREE no discord nor sinister activity can longer exist,*" we would naturally expect that these entities would soon be non-existent, if not instantly annihilated, for they end this copyrighted decree by saying: "IT IS DONE THIS INSTANT!"

But it seems that this MIGHTY (?) DECREE has not been that effective, nor were the "carnate entities" annihilated INSTANTLY. The Ballards still have them very much on their hands, and they stress the necessity of the STUDENTS issuing this same Decree "at least three times daily" to help the "Ascended Masters." And each month since that "Mighty Decree" was issued (July, 1936) the tens of thousands of Ballard students have been daily issuing decrees to "seize, bind, remove, and hold inactive all entities — carnate and discarnate." And *new* "entity decrees" with different wordings are being made from time to time, as a perusal of their official magazine will reveal.

In their extremity they even call upon the youth of America to help them in making these "entity decrees." They say:

"Beloved Young America! we call upon you to help give a service to all mankind that has never been given before on earth in any age. If you will join us in sending forth the following Decrees . . . (Page 36, October, 1936 "Voice of the I AM.")

Then follow two “entity decrees,” only one of which I shall take space to quote:

“Seize, bind and annihilate all fear entities within and around every human being, the earth and its atmosphere; *BLAST their cause and effect from existence this instant . . .*” (Page 36, October, 1936 “Voice of the I AM.”)

Imagine it! Concentrating the susceptible minds of the youth of America on “fear entities” and what not — making them think they are doing a *service to mankind!* No words are adequate to express the wrong they are doing these young people.

And even for the grown-ups it is certainly not the thing to go around thinking about vicious entities three or more times a day. I do not deny that there are these entities, any more than I deny that there are vermin in the world. But you know if you begin to imagine that there is a horrible, crawly insect down your collar, it isn’t long before you feel it actually there. And if you go around looking for entities, it isn’t long before you have a suspicion that they are around your best friend, and even imagine them around yourself.

Those who have been unfortunate enough negatively to open up their psychic centers are likely to have the lower astral world with its host of entities crowd in upon their vision so much that it is difficult to keep them out. They become “entity conscious,” and fear comes upon them. They begin to devise ways and means of getting rid of these entities. But to suggest these things to normal people and have them go around decreeing about entities they cannot see, and getting into the vicious vortex of

the entity thought, is not a part of legitimate spiritual training.

It is far wiser for the Ballard student to believe that the entity matter is being taken care of by the Great Ones who have charge of human evolution, and to stop creating *additional* entities through fear. It stands to reason that if the Ascended Masters' MIGHTY Decree has not been able to contend with the situation, certainly the student's little decree will not. Such decrees merely direct his forces along negative channels. They habituate him in looking for and imagining evil entities when he should be positively looking out upon a wonderful world seeking the Good, the True, and the Beautiful.

It is known and recognized among deep occult students that actual cases of obsession and partial spirit control are hard to handle by even the most advanced occult investigator. It is said that even the Masters of Wisdom exercise the greatest caution in these matters. If this is true, then the ordinary student has no business using his own forces ignorantly to free another person's psychic world or to make demands that somebody else do it. That is the work of the occult specialist, one who knows what he is doing. The average student has no more right to tackle a case of obsession and decree and demand that the entity leave than he has in handling a case of smallpox.

As an antidote for a bad case of entity-*itis*, I would suggest that the Ballard student build up in his mind an ever-present consciousness of the Christ Spirit, feel himself bathed within and without in this downpour of Universal Energy, Power, Wisdom, and Love. Then no entity — carnate or incarnate — can gain access to his being, and he simply forgets the whole subject of entities.

BLASTING WITH THE "BLUE LIGHTNING"

The projection of what the Ballards call the "Blue Lightning" is said by them to be the most powerful use of the "Rays." We quote excerpts from their "Outline of an 'I AM' Study Group":

"You can use this in any vicious activity. Never do it with a feeling of irritation . . . *it always consumes the discord* . . . Do not disclose this to anyone unless they are very sincere in the Service of the Light."

This latter warning about the danger of disclosing the "Blue Lightning" to any but the sincere student is pointless when it is recalled that this Blue Ray instruction was given promiscuously to many thousands of a mixed audience at the Shrine Auditorium in Los Angeles. Also the definite use of it has been taught many times in their official magazine, which is found in public book stores and libraries. They admit that it is *dangerous* to use, and yet they make it *easily possible for anyone — whether sincere or not — to use it*.

It is to be used, as they say, primarily for the destruction of evil — "to blast its cause and effect from the face of the earth forever."

Now in order properly to consider this doctrine of the "Blue Lightning," it is well to consider for a moment this thing we call "evil." We live in a dualistic world and operate by means of an intelligence that is constantly comparing one thing with another, saying, this is "good," that is "bad," and so on. We find, however, from sad experience that we haven't the wisdom at all times to judge properly what is good and what is evil. Sometimes

we find to our dismay that what we thought was "evil," and had condemned, we find later to be good.

To "BLAST," then, from the face of the earth a supposed "evil" when in reality it was "good" is simply a method of becoming spiritually bankrupt. It is like hanging an innocent man — there is no bringing him back.

But let us overlook for the moment this human uncertainty of really knowing at all times what is good and what is bad, and imagine that we know definitely that a thing is evil and should be destroyed. The question is then: "Shall we use the 'Blue Lightning' on it?"

Well, if we are absolutely convinced that something has got to be destroyed, we would naturally want to make certain of the efficacy of our weapon. According to the Ballards, the "Blue Lightning" does seem to be the most effective weapon we have, for, they say: "*It always consumes the discord.*" That little statement means *a hundred per cent efficiency*, and we could hardly expect that with any other method.

So we start out with the wielding of the "Blue Lightning," first in trepidation because of the power we are told is in it. We fire it out with the greatest intensity we have, and usually there are hundreds of others with us doing the same thing. Like the hunter we can hardly wait to see what happens after the shot is fired. But when the smoke clears away we find nothing very much has happened after all. Somehow the target has been missed, and *the evil in the world still continues*. Then we settle down with the realization that it is going to take time to accomplish this "annihilating of evil," or perhaps we will have to wait until the result of our work "precipitates on the material plane of being." Anyhow, we *like* to continue

this "blasting with the Blue Lightning" because it does arouse us emotionally, and we do want to feel we are of "real service" in helping to save our blessed America and the World from the "claw of the sinister force" — and perhaps we feel called upon to use it on some of the lesser "evil" in our own personal environment. Usually, however, with the same deferred result.

Now, thank God! the "Blue Lightning" *hasn't* the effect the Ballards say it has. Poison Gas and Cosmic Death Rays wouldn't be in it, for each of us would have an *annihilating mechanism* in our own craniums capable of being used at any time that we had the will and desire to use it. The Great Ones have seen to it that no such power has come into our use. The effect of it is mostly on the individual that sends it out, and not on its recipient. But, of course, if somebody goes around thinking that someone is directing the "Blue Lightning" at him, and believes that it has real power to harm, then he becomes affected by his own emotional state.

At every class of the Ballards throughout the Nation they project the "Blue Lightning" at "*any activity that seeks to interfere with the success of the 'I AM' work.*" Now these brochures, and myself as creator of them, come under this barrage fire of "Blue Lightning," for these publications do definitely "interfere with the success" of the Ballard brand of the "I AM" work, inasmuch as they seek sincerely and truthfully to reveal certain of the fallacies and dangers of that work. If that fire were effective, then the so-called "*discord and sinister force*" in me would have long since been consumed and I could not continue to use this "evil" force to reveal the Ballard fallacies.

I say this for the encouragement of those who have

been so deeply involved in the Ballard teachings that they really *fear* to withdraw, although they would like to. They feel that their withdrawal would be construed as a definite interference with the success of the "I AM" work, and they would be in danger of having this "Blue Lightning" directed at them. My friends, you are only subject to the reactions of your *own* fear in this, and it being your own creation *you can absolutely rule it out*. Realize how powerless this "Blue Lightning" is even to destroy the evil in the world, much less the Good in you, which influences you to face the Light of Truth, instead of continuing with practices that will bring grief and suffering, and loss of real Christ-like spirituality.

THE PSYCHOLOGY OF DESTRUCTION

It should require but very little spiritual perception to realize that the use of the "Blue Lightning" is a destructive, negative process. The person who uses it is seeking to destroy something, or demanding or decreeing that another individual destroy it. We are not now considering whether this thing which is to be destroyed is good or bad. The point is that the student is seeking to DESTROY, to annihilate from the face of the earth something that is in God's universe, and he or she is using a spiritual or mental power to do it.

There is a psychology about this desire to destroy which is important for all metaphysical students to understand. In order to bring it home to the student more forcefully, I shall use the second person and speak directly to you as if I were speaking to you personally and as if you had been in the habit of using this "Blue Lightning," which you may or may not have.

Now, you know in your work in class that you were told to decree with all the intensity of your being that this "Blue Lightning" be sent to its objective. You *commanded* the "Angel Devas" and your own "Mighty I AM Presence" to do this work for you, as you were told it was dangerous to draw the ray through your own body. But you should remember, nevertheless, that *you* are the directing force back of it. It is *you* who are consciously directing and demanding that this force be sent out, and logically, then, *you become karmically responsible* for any effect that it might have.

You also must know that in order to participate powerfully in this act of projecting the "Blue Lightning" you have to arouse within yourself *corresponding qualities* of emotion. You have to be dead in earnest about it. You have to imagine this destructive Blue Ray sweeping irresistably like lightning to its goal, to destroy the "fear entity" or any other evil thing or "human creation" against which it is directed.

Notice particularly that when you are in this state of mind — wielding the "Blue Lightning of Destruction" — you *cannot* at the same time hold the thought of Love, or the other Christ-like emotions. Try it, and see for yourself. Love cannot operate that way.

Individuals, therefore, who, indeed with the very best of intentions, look out upon the world and see so much that seems irreconcilably evil, may have their feelings aroused sufficiently as to want to use their mental and spiritual powers to destroy such evil, or to command that God sweep His lightning down upon it. But do you not see that when these people do this, they in reality *become part of the destructive force* that they are directing? They

are swept into the vortex of the "evil human creation" that has aroused in them this destructive emotional reaction.

The Ballards warn against this, it is true, and say: "never do it with a feeling of irritation." But that is like telling someone to put his hand in fire and not get burned, or to jump into the water and not get wet. The psychological law is that when one is aroused emotionally enough to want to destroy something — it matters not what — all his forces are aroused to that end. At the highest there may be "righteous indignation," but when the thought and feeling of destruction get under way, anything might enter the person's aura to help out in the process of destruction, and it would be far more than "irritation" at that. If one jumps into the whirling astral vortex of destruction, he is going to get "wet." Of that there is no doubt, despite the Ballard admonition not to.

Fortunately, however, much of the Ballard decreeing lacks power, simply for the reason that the average human mortal has little mental and emotional control, lacking one-pointedness. So don't worry about this if you have practised it. It is like the prayers of some religious sects — more repetition than power. The "Blue Lightning" does *not* produce the powerful results claimed for it, but nevertheless it is a *bad psychological practise* and ties the individual up with astral forces and entities which are akin to the destructive wave-lengths of life. It is far better to tune in to cosmic vibrations of Love, and send out a positive affirmation, such as "*Peace to all beings.*"

THE CATASTROPHE COMPLEX

The average "one-hundred per cent" Ballard student is certain that a major cataclysmic activity is going to take place in America. This idea has been built up by statement after statement in the Ballard books, their magazines, their decrees, and their public utterances.

Mr. Ballard in viewing the scenes of the future at the Royal Teton, which he said affected the "whole earth," wrote back in 1930 that:

"They showed many changes to come in the surface of the land itself." (Page 99, "Unveiled Mysteries.")

On another visit to the Royal Teton during 1930 he referred to changes along the Pacific Coast as follows:

"To the west, we could see the Sierra and Cascade mountains and still farther on the **Coast Range**, *whose shore line is all to be changed.*" (Page 113, "Unveiled Mysteries.")

Again on Page 253 of this same book, he says, regarding the work of the Kumaras who are *now becoming active*, that:

"Just *preceding* each of these Great Outpourings **extraordinary physical disturbances occur** . . . "

Then on the next page, referring again to "**cataclysmic action**," and its cause, he says:

"*We are approaching another such period* . . . "

Throughout the discourses of "Saint Germain" there are a number of statements regarding impending physical changes. In the one dated November 29th, 1934, he says:

“ . . . Already great **protection has been given to the eastern coast** from Philadelphia to Maine. *If this protection had not been given, some of your cities would have been in ruins today.*”
(Page 337, “I AM Discourses.”)

In the February, 1936 issue of the “Voice of the I AM” there is printed “**SAINT GERMAIN’S NEW YEAR’S DAY DISCOURSE,**” which the Ballards claim was dictated to them on January 1st, 1936. In this discourse he says that the *work of Cyclopea and the call of the “I AM” students* “have rendered tremendous service.”

“ . . . It has *prevented* a **tidal wave striking the western coast**, which was thought would have come into action the **SECOND OF JANUARY, 1936.**” (Page 12.)

Now observe that “Saint Germain” spoke these words to the Ballards on **NEW YEAR’S DAY**, i. e., January **FIRST**. And yet he rejoices *on that day* about a tidal wave that had *already* been prevented from occurring on January **SECOND** — *a day that had not even arrived when he spoke those words!*

The obvious conclusion is that this so-called “discourse” was **WRITTEN** by the Ballards on a day *after* January 1st with the idea of showing that the students by their faithful following of the Ballard teachings had really prevented a great cataclysm on the Pacific Coast, but they made the damaging mistake of dating the tidal wave as of January 2nd and the “discourse” as of January 1st. If the tidal wave had been staged for January 1st, then “Saint Germain” on January 2nd could have logically

rejoiced about preventing it; but the other way around is a ridiculous and impossible situation.

But let us go on and see how month after month the Ballards build up the idea of impending catastrophes.

In the March, 1936 issue of the "Voice of the I AM" they say that the work of the I AM Study Groups must be carried on to help "Saint Germain" to protect America. I quote as follows:

" . . . The assistance *must* be given, if America is to have protection from the *vortex of discord across the Atlantic* and from *cataclysmic disturbances*." (Page 29.)

They say that the attention must be held unwaveringly on the reading of the Ballard books, and that "this is Jesus' own request because the *need of the present hour is so urgent*."

In the June, 1936 issue of the "Voice of the I AM," Page 14, they issue a "*definite warning*":

" . . . Only that which is True, Pure, Perfect and of the Light . . . can have protection, guidance and supply over the period of change."

On Page 15, they say this is "*the eleventh hour of its greatest struggle*." And on Page 16, under the heading of "AMERICA'S PROTECTION," they say:

"The first of this *coming July* is a time of very great importance to America . . . "

Then on Page 17 they urge the students "to charge all the energy in the gas belts within the earth," and they say that this "I AM" instruction is . . .

" . . . focusing Mighty Pillars of Light through-

out America, to be maintained and expanded as *sanctuaries of protection and supply* . . . ”

All these things, they insist, are *vitally needed* “*when world changes occur.*”

In the July issue there is still more about cataclysms, prophecies, and warnings — and this from “Saint Germain” himself. He says:

“My personal opinion is that a **cataclysm**, *which is inevitable*, is preferable to the coming forth into physical action of the so-called **Armageddon** . . . ” (Page 9.)

Then in the August issue there is still very much more about cataclysmic activities. The Ballards print “SAINT GERMAIN’S SEPTEMBER 1ST, 1932 DISCOURSE,” in which he says:

“The great prophecies of the centuries, in fact the *end* of the prophecies and their *fulfilment* is at hand.” (Page 2.)

In this discourse of 1932 “Saint Germain” tells about the stupendous changes that will take place within a very few years. Regarding the impending upheaval, he says:

“The period of the struggle of creation, in the throes of this new birth, will be swift and to some *terrible in its mighty manifestation* . . . ” (Page 2.)

We list below some of the other things that “Saint Germain” in this discourse said would soon take place:

1. Weeds and vermin will be no more.
2. Flowers will be ever blooming.
3. No longer the rattle of the lawn mower.

4. Heaven will be practically on earth.
5. *The axis of the earth will be changed.*
6. The Kumaras will walk and talk with students.

And now most striking of all is the news when this mixture of good and bad things will occur. In this there is no hedging — no “if” — as in some prophecies. “Saint Germain” says very definitely on page 9 of this 1932 discourse, that:

**“THE CHANGES REFERRED TO ABOVE
WILL COME WITHIN THE NEXT TEN
YEARS.”***

Think of it! By 1942 all these things mentioned in this discourse are going to happen. And then referring again to this much talked of cataclysm he says:

“This present coming cataclysm will *end* the cataclysmic periods of the earth.” (Page 9.)

We are now at the beginning of the year 1937. Already nearly half of this ten-year period has come and gone — and yet *not a single one of the above prophecies has so far come to pass!*

In this short remaining period of a little over five years think what *must* take place — if we believe in the infallibility of “Saint Germain.” Let us repeat a few of the impending events:

The Pacific Coast shore line is all to be changed and there will be extraordinary physical disturbances upon the earth. So far it has been possible to save the Eastern

*Note particularly that “Saint Germain” uses the phrase — “*the changes referred to above.*” Now if he had actually been DICTATING this discourse, he would have said — “*the changes I have just referred to.*”

Does this not show that this so-called “discourse” was WRITTEN instead of dictated? And by whom?

Coast from ruins, and the Pacific Coast from a great tidal wave. But the outcome is still uncertain, for the Ballards still warn their students about that threatening cataclysm, which "Saint Germain" says is inevitable.

Then the axis of the earth has to be changed, to say nothing of the possibility of the coming forth into physical action of the so-called Armageddon.

There is also the menace of Communism, sinister forces, and black magicians, which has necessitated the "Messengers" traveling to various points to draw protective "Pillars of Light." We even observe in the October, 1936 issue of the "Voice of the I AM" that in "Saint Germain's HAWAIIAN ISLANDS DISCOURSE" (given to the Ballards at their hotel room in Honolulu on August 2, 1936), he says:

"We brought the Messengers here at this time, and are endeavoring to release a sufficient Power of Divine Love, in order to *change the course and currents of these gas-belts.*" (Page 4.)

And in the next paragraph "Saint Germain" reveals to us that:

"It might yet be necessary for the *Messengers* to go to the Island of Suva,* to draw the Pillar of Light there to *complete* the rendering of this service." (Page 4.)

Evidently the decrees of two hundred thousand students and over two hundred "Ascended Masters," to say nothing of the decrees of "Angel Devas" and the Mighty Hosts of Creation, have NOT been effective in two years time — so now it is necessary for the two and only human

*The Island of Suva is one of the Fiji Islands in the South Pacific Ocean — a long ways from home.

Messengers to go personally to these places and really finish it off!

“Saint Germain” in the next paragraph exclaims about this:

“How great, how mighty . . . is the service being rendered by the Messengers.” (Page 4.)

And there it is! I cannot think of anything that has been missed — cataclysms, tidal waves, gas-belt explosions, Communism, black magicians, sinister forces — with the “Messengers” aeroplaning and steamboating around the country drawing protective “Pillars of Light,” and two hundred thousand students issuing forth decrees to stave off a cataclysm which “Saint Germain” says is “inevitable” and even necessary to “cleanse” the earth and atmosphere and “bring humanity back to the Original Purity of Life.” (See Page 254, “Unveiled Mysteries.”) It is a perfect picture of the cataclysmic jitters.

UNFULFILLED PREDICTIONS AND PROMISES

Just preceding last July there was much concern among the Ballard students over the "Gas Belts." They were urged to do special work upon them, and there would be focused "Mighty Pillars of Light" as "sanctuaries of protection and supply," so that the Ballard students could be "consciously moved" into "localities where the protective Power is and will be anchored." (See Page 17, June, 1936 "Voice of the I AM.") And so the word went out to make a maximum effort *before July 1st*. But this date came and went — and nothing happened.

Then there was concern about the Pyramid date of September 16th. This date also came and went, and nothing happened.

And so it has always been among the Ballard students. Promises on one hand, warnings on the other — but "nothing ever happens."

Of course, it is claimed that "Saint Germain and his family" have prevented these gas belts and other terrible things from becoming active. Well, then, if they have such power to prevent the *bad* things from happening, why don't they use their power to bring about the *good* things they really want to happen? Why don't they fulfill some of their promises of Ascensions, Precipitations, Tangible Ascended Masters, and the other transcendental things they have been speaking and writing so confidently about for *six long years*? If their decrees can check a huge tidal wave and keep the gas belts from blowing up the Pacific Coast, surely they can demonstrate at least one bona fide ascension among two hundred thousand students, or one tangible "Ascended Master," and perhaps even a "precipitated dinner."

GOD IS STILL IN HIS HEAVENS

I do not doubt in the least the probability that catastrophes have been prevented by the really GREAT ONES who are in charge of earth's evolution. I have the faith of the Psalmist in this, knowing that God's protective Hand is ever held over His creation. But who am I to *demand* that THIS or THAT be done, or that the energy of the gas belts be changed into GOLD as the Ballard students have lately been decreeing? (See Page 40, November issue "Voice of the I AM.")

Neither do I deny that certain changes to continents and even to the axis of the earth may occur *sometime* during the long course of earth's evolution. But I do question this thing of injecting fear thoughts into the minds of hundreds of thousands of people regarding calamities which nobody seems to know very much about. If some changes are inevitable, then it is foolish to try to prevent them. If they are not inevitable, I believe that urging a lot of human beings to think and concentrate on gas belts, and arousing subconsciously their primordial fears concerning these things, is not going to keep them from coming about. On the contrary, these fear thoughts (which may lie deeply below the waking consciousness) may indeed, as some students say, help to bring the catastrophe about. Recall what happened to poor old Job, when, too late, he lamented:

"The thing which I fear cometh upon me."

Who really knows what is going to happen anyhow? There have been in the past prophecies without number which have not materialized. The early Christian, Paul, had a name for them. He said they would fail, and they

have. The Law of Averages keeps them all from failing, and so there is always hope for both the amateur and professional prophesier of dire happenings. Those who *really* know are not disturbing the public peace and confidence by sensational predictions.

Is there any real reason to believe that the Ballards know what is coming? Their predictions and promises so far about Ascended Masters appearing in the flesh, precipitated dinners, Ascensions, and other transcendental happenings have not materialized, and they have been making these promises for six years. They cannot as yet produce one individual who has done the things recorded in "Unveiled Mysteries" and the "Magic Presence." Mr. Ballard says he has, but he has offered not a single proof of his abilities. The Ballards point to their large following as proof, but that is no proof. It merely demonstrates that Barnum was right. However, he was merely a circus man, and knew nothing about the possibilities of the psychic racket. In the light of what is happening today, Barnum must be considered a conservative.

Friends, get out of the catastrophe complex if you are in it. Have faith in God and in His Divine Messengers who control this mighty solar system and its little earth. Sing with the Psalmist:

"The heavens declare the glory of God;
And the firmament showeth His handiwork."

Look out upon the brilliancy of the heavens on a star-lit night. Do you find any major catastrophies there? For countless eons those mighty suns have been set in the firmament of heaven. Narrow your vision to grand old Jupiter up there so high, and beautiful Venus drawing near to the source of her life in the solar radiance that

has descended below the horizon. Although hidden from view we know that the Source of our own life will not fail us, and in the morning the tinted heavens will light with His glory.

And then look out upon this land of ours and sense the wisdom of a loving Father who has given us all of earth's treasures in such abundance. Is He not still at the helm of things? — not really, you know, dependent upon our little minds and wills to issue forth decrees that seem so big, demanding that He do certain things for us. Does a parent give the child the moon when it calls for it? Neither does God, the source of our being, or His Messengers before His Mighty Throne, give to us the things we think we should have.

If Mother Earth needs to go through a little period of growth and development, and here and there a continental birth or death takes place — as in Atlantis or Lemuria of old — let us accept it and know that a new and greater Order of life will emerge, because “*Onward, Upward, Forever!*” is the battle cry of the Spirit. And we are that Spirit. There is no death!

*“Therefore will we not fear,
Though the earth do change,
And though the mountains be shaken
Into the heart of the seas.”*

— Psalms, 46:2.

THE FORTHCOMING PUBLICATION

Brochure No. 4 of this series will soon be ready. It will present documentary evidence showing unmistakably that the Ballard writings have been extracted in the main from the writings of other human beings, and have not come to them, as alleged, from the "Ascended Masters."

The evidence to be presented, therefore, will necessarily strike at the very foundation of the Ballard teachings. For if their teachings are *not* from the "Ascended Masters," as they boldly claim they are, then the whole gigantic structure of Ballardism falls, and there is nothing left but a mass of tangled debris. The *real* Masters of Wisdom, from the very nature of things, could have had absolutely nothing whatever to do with it.

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