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Therefore, this Ruler of the Earth must be one of the “Sons of God,” even as are our Higher Selves — only of a much higher degree than they; and from all that has been written about and claimed for Him it may well be assumed that the Ego or Soul whom we know as Jesus, the Christ, is that Ruler. At least, it would seem that He is the present Ruler, although many claim Jehovah is the God or Ruler of the Earth. The

Hebrew Scriptures declare this. Jesus spoke not of Jehovah, but always of His Father-God Who sent Him. He openly states His Oneness with the Father — that those who have seen Him have seen the Father. That could mean only one of two things — that He actually was the Father in manifestation, superceding Jehovah-God of the old testament; or that He, Himself was Jehovah, the representative of His Father, the Solar God. There are those who claim the latter.

But to us it is immaterial. The point we wish particularly to make is that the Earth is actually a Spiritual or Divine Being in Whose consciousness we live, move and have our being. For we certainly derive our life, all our power to move, act and be, from the food we eat and the air we breathe, both of which must consist of the substance and vitality of the Earth nature — the nature of the Being Who is expressing Himself outwardly as the planet Earth, and Who is serving as our terrestrial Mother. But remember, we have stated that She receives all of Her life and power from the Sun, our Solar God, Her Father-in-Heaven, Who enables Her to do and be all that She does and is.

We now ask you to think of this Being as a Man in the image and likeness of God, even as are all men in their true nature; and that the earth with all on it is only His outer physical garment, just as our physical bodies are our outer garments. Then we can say that each human being is but a cell in the body of humanity, that body representing the human or mental part of His nature; while animals represent the lower or emotional part, vegetation the vital or life-giving part, and minerals merely the structural or supporting part.

Think on this until you get its full meaning, and then try to realize that what humanity is now thinking and feeling, and the forces thereby generated, are affecting the force centers of the psychic body of our Mother Earth; for does she not have a mental, psychic, vital and physical body, the same as we? And if humanity has not harmonized its thinking with God's Truth and Love, and instead has set up the counter forces of selfishness, greed, envy, jealousy and lust for power, engendering all of the consequent negative and destructive forces aforementioned — who can deny that such forces are not rampant in the world today — can you not see what terrible diseases must now be manifesting within the body of our terrestrial Mother?

How long is Her body going to stand it? Those conversant with the true conditions existing, know that She cannot endure it much longer. Nature will stand just so much, whether it be in a man or in a god; then it rebels, and with a mighty effort it throws off all restraining influences, purges the poison from the system, and brings it back once more into perfect health and harmony.

We urge that all read again the 16th chapter of *"The Impersonal Life,"* on "The Christ and Love," especially the parts on pages 133 and 134, where the full meaning and application of the foregoing is shown. You can easily see that what is stated in this chapter is the actual condition of humanity today.

We hardly need to point out that all seismic disturbances are evidences of Nature's reaction to the inharmonious thoughts and emotional turmoil engendered by man's selfishness and greed, and resulting in the present badly diseased condition of humanity. What are thunderstorms but the conflict of the forces of love and hate in the earth's mental atmosphere brought to a climax, drawing down from the Heavenly Mind flashes of Truth that illumine men's minds and soon clear the mental atmosphere of antagonism and misunderstanding?. What are storms at sea but the destructive waves of emotion that at times almost overwhelm mind and soul? What are earthquakes but the quaking of the soul in its fear and terror at the disease gnawing at its vitals, and at yielding and succumbing to its dire effects? And what are volcanic eruptions but the efforts of the soul to rid mind and heart of all the poisonous thoughts and feelings that make impossible its longed for union with Divine Mind and for happiness, harmony and peace that awaits?

Can you not now see that what is happening to humanity, both in the conditions manifesting in its outer life — poverty, hardship, suffering, and may be later famine, pestilence, war — and in the continually increasing catastrophies resulting from seismic activities, is caused by man's thoughtless, senseless and foolishly destructive thinking, speech and action, ever pushed into such expression by that malignant disease eating its way through his vital organs?

What is that disease? Entitized selfishness and greed, which will gradually, gather unto itself the life and substance of the bulk of humanity — if not soon halted by Nature, the Ruler of the Planet, God — the Three-in-One.

Think you man can stop it? No, it has now gone too far for that. Only God and His Army of Light can prevail against this arch-enemy of God and humanity, who is ever playing on man's ignorance, using his dastardly sophistries to subvert and destroy the good in men's minds. And God will not act until humanity has sufficiently learned its lessons, and has evidenced it by enough of mankind turning to Him in humble and sincere repentance, asking to be saved. He is but waiting for that time.

In the meantime, let us consider what happening to the Divine Being whom we have called the Ruler of our planet Earth. If humanity is suffering, and humanity represents His mentality, can you not see how He must also be suffering? And if this disease is as terrible as it has been pictured, and it is caused entirely by the wrong and evil thinking

of humanity, the results of which He has to bear, can you not understand that He must be going through a crucifixion similar in degree to what Jesus underwent on the cross?

For is not this Great One being crucified on the cross of matter, the cross of man's material desires, and does not His Spirit know, even as Jesus knew, that only by giving His Body thus to be used (which means His mentality, for all things take place only in consciousness, remember) can all that which makes up His Consciousness, the consciousness of every cell of His body of humanity, be cleansed and purified, so that it can become a perfect channel for the expression and use of the One Mind?

There is a wonderful truth in all this, dear friends, proving that all is really One, nothing is separate or living unto itself alone. For what one man suffers, every man, every cell, every atom in the body of humanity must suffer. And therefore must the earth, must Christ, must God also suffer. Man is but a cell in the earth's body, an atom in God's Body. And when any single atom in God's Body is out of harmony, the whole universe feels and knows it, and reacts to bring it back into harmony. That is the Law of Life, of Love, of Harmony.

Remember what has been taught, however; that it is only **seeming** inharmony; for in God's Mind there cannot be inharmony — He being all-wise, all-loving, all-powerful; and what seems to be inharmony is but the disturbance caused by the switching or counterbalancing of forces, as they press the disturbing factors in consciousness and in outer conditions of cell, man, nation and planet back again into their true state.

But all this seeming inharmony will soon come to an end. The pressure of the Law is becoming so strong that in the near future the Great Being now suffering on the cross will say, "It is finished," and the earth and its humanity will come into their own.

For in very truth, He who is the life of humanity is now being crucified; for is He not also the **soul** of humanity? Many have the cries gone up, "My God, My God, why hast thou forsaken me!" Which is the cry of the soul when it has reached the extreme of endurance.

But after the crucifixion comes the resurrection — always will it follow. For Jesus' persecution and death on the cross, and final resurrection and ascension, was a universal symbol of what will and must happen, not only to individual man, but to each nation, race, planet and universe — not to speak of each cell and atom that compose them.

Therefore, take heart, dear ones, and know that what we are now enduring must be gone through with — if we would prepare and be ready for the glorious resurrection that will surely follow. Think only of what awaits.

Now that you know, even as Jesus and the Blessed One Who is our terrestrial Mother knew, can you not go forward as did They, in the realization that by our sacrifice does the whole world move forward toward its final redemption?

VISIONS AND DREAMS

Many are seeing visions these days and having dreams which they feel are of deep significance. Many have written relating to us their dreams and visions, and we have tried to give them such interpretations as we could. But not always were we able to give them full explanations, because so much was left untold, little but important details, impressions felt at the time, and conditions leading up to and which usually brought on the dream or vision, as a response of the soul or the Higher Self in its effort to help solve the problem or difficulty the human mind was facing.

In this article we will try to enable you to interpret your own dreams and visions; for you must realize that they come to you for a purpose, and if you make no determined effort to get their meaning, their coming is of no value or use; for every one was intended to help you in the very difficulty that at the time was disturbing your peace of mind.

First know that all such dreams and visions are either actual experiences of your soul (always the case in dreams), or the veil is temporarily lifted between the physical and the inner world (in visions) and you are permitted to see or hear what is transpiring in the soul realm.

Now if you can realize that all things come first into expression in the soul realm and later outmanifest in the physical, you can see the importance of understanding what is taking place in the inner realm and of trying to grasp the meaning of the symbolic outpicturing you are permitted to see there.

For in spirit, as it is called because of being different from and opposite to matter, you enter a fourth dimension of consciousness, where it is impossible to convey to the human mind (which knows of life and things only in terms of form, or of three dimensions — length, breadth and thickness) facts and conditions that have no translatable terms in which to describe them. Therefore, through a peculiar process which we will later explain, ideas and thoughts are illustrated to the human mind in

the form of pictures, and it is these pictures alone that are brought back to normal consciousness.

If you will study your mind when a new idea or thought comes to you, you will note that immediately a picture forms in your consciousness, illustrating that idea. And it is usually that picture that is impressed on the memory and enables you to recall the idea when needed. In exactly the same way does memory serve you when you recall a dream or vision. For in the higher realms of the fourth dimension — where awakened souls live, language and speech are not used; one soul communes with another entirely by means of thought. But every thought automatically forms for itself a picture or thought form in consciousness, and so it is these thought forms, illustrations of the incidents and experiences through which you passed, that you see and remember when coming back into full physical consciousness.

Understanding this, you can see the necessity of not being unduly interested in the pictures or combination of thought forms, no matter how beautiful or wonderful they are, but of going back and studying each detail of the pictures in an effort to recall the ideas and thoughts that gave them birth. This you must do, if you would get the real meaning and purpose for you of the dreams and visions.

In other words, by focusing your mind upon any detail of the dream or vision, you find you are drawn back into the consciousness you were in when the thought picture of it was formed; and thereby you will see, or rather know, just what were the ideas or thoughts flowing into your mind at the time regarding the events then transpiring. You will know this by these same ideas flooding into your mind again, for you will have connected up with their vibrations, which are never lost and can be contacted at will at any time by one who knows and wishes to do so. All you have to do is to watch carefully the impressions that come and note that they open up to your mind surprising inner meanings of the pictures that before were unperceived.

This is exactly what we do when trying to interpret them for you; we concentrate upon the picture that forms in our mind from your description, and then note the impressions that flow in as we are able more or less to enter the consciousness you were in while going through the experience. You having the complete picture in your mind, and knowing all the details, should be far better able to get a perfect interpretation of it than are we.

Try to prove this. All it requires is concentration upon the dream or vision while trying to recall it in detail, and the ability to note the impressions that flow into your mind while doing so. If you do this faithfully, you cannot help but get results.

THE EASTER CEREMONIES

This year we have purposely not spoken of the Easter Ceremonies and are not giving any description of them as in former years; because we wanted you instead to get the inner meaning of Easter, its spiritual and cosmic significance, what the crucifixion and resurrection taking place in nature really mean. In the first article of this Paper we tried to show that.

Too many of our friends, we found, were more concerned about being able consciously to attend the ceremonies than they were about learning their true significance, and thereby earning the right to be in attendance. By that we mean, they were seeking more the power and honor of being there than they were the spiritual growth which alone gives them the right. Not consciously was this so to them, for they thought they were doing everything they could to prepare themselves. But is it not true there was a strong desire to be present because of the wonder and glory of participating in such an experience?

Can you not see that this desire is of the personality, and because of its nature more than anything else it prevented your rising in consciousness to that of the soul which would permit of your being where it was?

Spiritual growth, and particularly such special gift of unfoldment, for it seems it is a gift and is bestowed by the Master by His Grace, do not come as a result of effort — only by living the life — His life, by giving one's self and all one's desires over wholly to Him.

The very thing that is dearest to our hearts and is so strongly desired — even if it is spiritual growth itself, may therefore be the one thing that is holding back our growth and preventing the consummation of what is so dear to us.

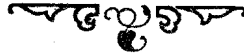
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We have tried to show you something in the above, and it has relation to what was said in the preceding article about visions and dreams. For if you can understand it, the Easter ceremonies were in the nature of both a dream and a vision. In fact, your human mind could conceive of the true and wonderful spiritual experience of the Cosmic Ceremonies celebrated all through the Easter period only as we pictured them

to you in previous years, or as you would experience them in a dream or vision, no matter how conscious you were or how natural it would seem to be to you.

Therefore be content to wait until by natural growth the Spirit within you awakens the faculties that will enable you both to see and comprehend the spiritual meaning of the Cosmic events of which you will then be an actual participator, because of being a conscious and an integral factor in their expression.

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In other words, the earth is the outer representation of the great Spiritual Being Who must be the Ruler of the planet earth; the One Who is responsible for the life expression of all consciousness on the planet—from that of the mineral kingdom to that of humanity. You often hear the term “Mother Earth.” What then is more natural than that this Being is the one who “generates” the life forces of the planet, who “steps down” the Solar force from the Father-God's Mind, reconditions it and makes it adaptable and available for our use and for all dependent upon Her for their life? We call this Being “Her,” but in reality She as a Divine Being is both male and female, even as is our Father-God. She gives birth to, feeds and nourishes all life from Her bosom, but only that life which our Father-God, Himself, first fecundated in Her and fructified.

Therefore, this Ruler of the Earth must be one of the “Sons of God,” even as are our Higher Selves—only of a much higher degree than they; and from all that has been written about and claimed for Him it may well be assumed that the Ego or Soul whom we know as Jesus, the Christ, is that Ruler. At least, it would seem that He is the present Ruler, although many claim Jehovah is the God or Ruler of the Earth. The Hebrew Scriptures declare this. Jesus spoke not of Jehovah, but always of His Father-God Who sent Him. He openly states His Oneness with the Father—that those who have seen Him have seen the Father. That could mean only one of two things—that He actually was the Father in manifestation, superseding Jehovah-God of the old testament; or that He, Himself was Jehovah, the representative of His Father, the Solar God. There are those who claim the latter.

But to us it is immaterial. The point we wish particularly to make is that the Earth is actually a Spiritual or Divine Being in Whose consciousness we live, move and have our being. For we certainly derive our life, all our power to move, act and be, from the food we eat and the air we breathe, both of which must consist of the substance and vitality of the Earth nature—the nature of the Being Who is expressing Himself outwardly as the planet Earth, and Who is serving as our terrestrial Mother. But remember, we have stated that She receives all of Her life and power from the Sun, our Solar God, Her Father-in-Heaven, Who enables Her to do and be all that She does and is.

We now ask you to think of this Being as a Man in the image and likeness of God, even as are all men in their true nature; and that the earth with all on it is only His outer physical garment, just as our physical bodies are our outer garments. Then we can say that each human being is but a cell in the body of humanity, that body representing the human or mental part of His nature; while animals represent the lower or emotional part, vegetation the vital or life-giving part, and minerals merely the structural or supporting part.

Think on this until you get its full meaning, and then try to realize that what humanity is now thinking and feeling, and the forces thereby generated, are affecting the force centers of the psychic body of our Mother Earth; for does she not have a mental, psychic, vital and physical body, the same as we? And if humanity has not harmonized its thinking with God's Truth and Love, and instead has set up the counter forces of selfishness, greed, envy, jealousy and lust for power, engendering all of the consequent negative and destructive forces aforementioned—who can deny that such forces are not rampant in the world today—can you not see what terrible diseases must now be manifesting within the body of our terrestrial Mother?

How long is Her body going to stand it? Those conversant with the true conditions existing, know that She cannot endure it much longer. Nature will stand just so much, whether it be in a man or in a god; then it rebels, and with a mighty effort it throws off all restraining influences, purges the poison from the system, and brings it back once more into perfect health and harmony.

We urge that all read again the 16th chapter of “*The Impersonal Life*,” on “The Christ and Love,” especially the parts on pages 133 and 134, where the full meaning

and application of the foregoing is shown. You can easily see that what is stated in this chapter is the actual condition of humanity today.

We hardly need to point out that all seismic disturbances are evidences of Nature's reaction to the inharmonious thoughts and emotional turmoil engendered by man's selfishness and greed, and resulting in the present badly diseased condition of humanity. What are thunderstorms but the conflict of the forces of love and hate in the earth's mental atmosphere brought to a climax, drawing down from the Heavenly Mind flashes of Truth that illumine men's minds and soon clear the mental atmosphere of antagonism and misunderstanding? What are storms at sea but the destructive waves of emotion that at times almost overwhelm mind and soul? What are earthquakes but the quaking of the soul in its fear and terror at the disease gnawing at its vitals, and at yielding and succumbing to its dire effects? And what are volcanic eruptions but the efforts of the soul to rid mind and heart of all the poisonous thoughts and feelings that make impossible its longed for union with Divine Mind and for happiness, harmony and peace that awaits?

Can you not now see that what is happening to humanity, both in the conditions manifesting in its outer life—poverty, hardship, suffering, and may be later famine, pestilence, war—and in the continually increasing catastrophes resulting from seismic activities, is caused by man's thoughtless, senseless and foolishly destructive thinking, speech and action, ever pushed into such expression by that malignant disease eating its way through his vital organs?

What is that disease? Entitized selfishness and greed, which will gradually gather unto itself the life and substance of the bulk of humanity—if not soon halted by Nature, the Ruler of the Planet, God—the Three-in-One.

Think you man can stop it? No, it has now gone too far for that. Only God and His Army of Light can prevail against this arch-enemy of God and humanity, who is ever playing on man's ignorance, using his dastardly sophistries to subvert and destroy the good in men's minds. And God will not act until humanity has sufficiently learned its lessons, and has evidenced it by enough of mankind turning to Him in humble and sincere repentance, asking to be saved. He is but waiting for that time.

In the meantime, let us consider what is happening to the Divine Being whom we have called the Ruler of our planet Earth. If humanity is suffering, and humanity represents His mentality, can you not see how He must also be suffering? And if this disease is as terrible as it has been pictured, and it is caused entirely by the wrong and evil thinking of humanity, the results of which He has to bear, can you not understand that He must be going through a crucifixion similar in degree to what Jesus underwent on the cross?

For is not this Great One being crucified on the cross of matter, the cross of man's material desires, and does not His Spirit know, even as Jesus knew, that only by giving His Body thus to be used (which means His mentality, for all things take place only in consciousness, remember) can all that which makes up His Consciousness, the consciousness of every cell of His body of humanity, be cleansed and purified, so that it can become a perfect channel for the expression and use of the One Mind?

There is a wonderful truth in all this, dear friends, proving that all is really One, nothing is separate or living unto itself alone. For what one man suffers, every man, every cell, every atom in the body of humanity must suffer. And therefore must the earth, must Christ, must God also suffer. Man is but a cell in the earth's body, an atom in God's Body. And when any single atom in God's Body is out of harmony, the whole universe feels and knows it, and reacts to bring it back into harmony. That is the Law of Life, of Love, of Harmony.

Remember what has been taught, however; that it is only **seeming** inharmony; for in God's Mind there cannot be inharmony—He being all-wise, all-loving, all-powerful; and what seems to be inharmony is but the disturbance caused by the switching or counterbalancing of forces, as they press the disturbing factors in consciousness and in outer conditions of cell, man, nation and planet back again into their true state.

But all this seeming inharmony will soon come to an end. The pressure of the Law is becoming so strong that in the near future the Great Being now suffering on the cross will say, "It is finished," and the earth and its humanity will come into their own.

For in very truth, He who is the life of humanity is now being crucified; for is He not also the **soul** of humanity? Many have the cries gone up, "My God, My God, why hast thou forsaken me!" Which is the cry of the soul when it has reached the extreme of endurance.

But after the crucifixion comes the resurrection—always will it follow. For Jesus' persecution and death on the cross, and final resurrection and ascension, was a universal symbol of what will and must happen, not only to individual man, but to each nation, race, planet and universe—not to speak of each cell and atom that compose them.

Therefore, take heart, dear ones, and know that what we are now enduring must be gone through with—if we would prepare and be ready for the glorious resurrection that will surely follow. Think only of what awaits.

Now that you know, even as Jesus and the Blessed One Who is our terrestrial Mother knew, can you not go forward as did They, in the realization that by our sacrifice does the whole world move forward toward its final redemption?

VISIONS AND DREAMS

Many are seeing visions these days and having dreams which they feel are of deep significance. Many have written relating to us their dreams and visions, and we have tried to give them such interpretations as we could. But not always were we able to give them full explanations, because so much was left untold, little but important details, impressions felt at the time, and conditions leading up to and which usually brought on the dream or vision, as a response of the soul or the Higher Self in its effort to help solve the problem or difficulty the human mind was facing.

In this article we will try to enable you to interpret your own dreams and visions; for you must realize that they come to you for a purpose, and if you make no determined effort to get their meaning, their coming is of no value or use; for every one was intended to help you in the very difficulty that at the time was disturbing your peace of mind.

First know that all such dreams and visions are either actual experiences of your soul (always the case in dreams), or the veil is temporarily lifted between the physical and the inner world (in visions) and you are permitted to see or hear what is transpiring in the soul realm.

Now if you can realize that all things come first into expression in the soul realm and later outmanifest in the physical, you can see the importance of understanding what is taking place in the inner realm and of trying to grasp the meaning of the symbolic outpicturing you are permitted to see there.

For in spirit, as it is called because of being different from and opposite to matter, you enter a fourth dimension of consciousness, where it is impossible to convey to the human mind (which knows of life and things only in terms of form, or of three dimensions—length, breadth and thickness) facts and conditions that have no translatable terms in which to describe them. Therefore, through a peculiar process which we will later explain, ideas and thoughts are illustrated to the human mind in the form of pictures, and it is these pictures alone that are brought back to normal consciousness.

If you will study your mind when a new idea or thought comes to you, you will note that immediately a picture forms in your consciousness, illustrating that idea. And it is usually that picture that is impressed on the memory and enables you to recall the idea when needed. In exactly the same way does memory serve you when you recall a dream or vision. For in the higher realms of the fourth dimension—where awakened souls live, language and speech are not used; one soul communes with another entirely by means of thought. But every thought automatically forms for itself a picture or thought form in consciousness, and so it is these thought forms, illustrations of the incidents and experiences through which you passed, that you see and remember when coming back into full physical consciousness.

Understanding this, you can see the necessity of not being unduly interested in the pictures or combination of thought forms, no matter how beautiful or wonderful they are, but of going back and studying each detail of the pictures in an effort to recall the ideas and thoughts that gave them birth. This you must do, if you would get the real meaning and purpose for you of the dreams and visions.

In other words, by focusing your mind upon any detail of the dream or vision, you find you are drawn back into the consciousness you were in when the thought picture of it was formed; and thereby you will see, or rather know, just what were the ideas or thoughts flowing into your mind at the time regarding the events then transpiring. You will know this by these same ideas flooding into your mind again, for you will have connected up with their vibrations, which are never lost and can be contacted at will at any time by one who knows and wishes to do so. All you have to do is to watch carefully the impressions that come and note that they open up to your mind surprising inner meanings of the pictures that before were unperceived.

This is exactly what we do when trying to interpret them for you; we concentrate upon the picture that forms in our mind from your description, and then note the impressions that flow in as we are able more or less to enter the consciousness you were in while going through the experience. You having the complete picture in your

mind, and knowing all the details, should be far better able to get a perfect interpretation of it than are we.

Try to prove this. All it requires is concentration upon the dream or vision while trying to recall it in detail, and the ability to note the impressions that flow into your mind while doing so. If you do this faithfully, you cannot help but get results.

THE EASTER CEREMONIES

This year we have purposely not spoken of the Easter Ceremonies and are not giving any description of them as in former years; because we wanted you instead to get the inner meaning of Easter, its spiritual and cosmic significance, what the crucifixion and resurrection taking place in nature really mean. In the first article of this Paper we tried to show that.

Too many of our friends, we found, were more concerned about being able consciously to attend the ceremonies than they were about learning their true significance, and thereby earning the right to be in attendance. By that we mean, they were seeking more the power and honor of being there than they were the spiritual growth which alone gives them the right. Not consciously was this so to them, for they thought they were doing everything they could to prepare themselves. But is it not true there was a strong desire to be present—because of the wonder and glory of participating in such an experience?

Can you not see that this desire is of the personality, and because of its nature more than anything else it prevented your rising in consciousness to that of the soul which would permit of your being where it was?

Spiritual growth, and particularly such special gift of unfoldment, for it seems it is a gift and is bestowed by the Master by His Grace, do not come as a result of effort—only by living the life—His life, by giving one's self and all one's desires over wholly to Him.

The very thing that is dearest to our hearts and is so strongly desired—even if it is spiritual growth itself, may therefore be the one thing that is holding back our growth and preventing the consummation of what is so dear to us.

Remember, nothing that savors of the self can be taken with us into the Kingdom; all of its qualities, its likes and dislikes, its desires, hopes and aspirations, must be left behind. Our human minds and personalities must be pure and desireless, instruments become selfless and perfect for the Master's use. This is hard for many to accept and understand, but study it over until you do understand.

We have tried to show you something in the above, and it has relation to what was said in the preceding article about visions and dreams. For if you can understand it, the Easter ceremonies were in the nature of both a dream and a vision. In fact, your human mind could conceive of the true and wonderful spiritual experience of the Cosmic Ceremonies celebrated all through the Easter period only as we pictured them to you in previous years, or as you would experience them in a dream or vision, no matter how conscious you were or how natural it would seem to be to you.

Therefore be content to wait until by natural growth the Spirit within you awakens the faculties that will enable you both to see and comprehend the spiritual meaning of the Cosmic events of which you will then be an actual participator, because of being a conscious and an integral factor in their expression.