

Is World Brotherhood Possible?

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Subject this morning: "Is World Brotherhood Possible?"

Yes, it is possible, but not probable, for this simple reason that brotherhood is, is a thing of Spiritual Consciousness. True brotherhood will not be found in worldly consciousness, and world brotherhood is, is being given to us on the basis of worldly consciousness. The idea of world brotherhood is being promulgated from the standpoint of worldly consciousness. Therein lies the difficulty, because true brotherhood cannot come that way due to the very nature of worldly consciousness. That's the first thing to remember.

World brotherhood can come, in spite of this Dream Consciousness, this duality of consciousness, because it, because it comes in a different way, is the confusing point. It comes when the hearts of men are changed, of course. And what will change the hearts of men? There's nothing in worldly consciousness will do it. There's, it has been tried for ages. The hearts of men are changed on the coming of the Love of God.

So with those two or three things in mind, let us discuss the subject, "Is World Brotherhood Possible?"

Jesus gave the key. Jesus gave the key, and if you will remember this, then you can do your part in bringing about world brotherhood. Jesus spoke in Matthew, the 12th Chapter, the 46th through 50th Verses, in this manner. "While he ~~was talking to~~ [yet talked to the] people," someone said, "behold, ~~your~~ [his] mother and ~~your~~ [his] brethren [stood without, desiring to speak with him.]" They desire to speak with you. "Then said one unto him, Behold thy mother and thy brethren stand without, desiring to speak with thee. But he answered them and said to him that told him," and this is the key, "Who is my mother? and who are my brethren?" Then, "He stretched ~~out~~ forth his hand," as it says, "toward his disciples..." There is the key. He stretched out his hands "...toward his disciples and said," behold, "Behold my mother and my brethren! For whosoever shall do the will of my Father which is in heaven, the same is my brother, [and] my sister and my mother." So therein is the key.

Now, the disciples, the disciples were united with Jesus in God. Now, they are the ones who can do the Will of God, and they are the ones that constitute the true brotherhood. Now, if you can bring that around, then world brotherhood is possible. Not exactly world brotherhood, but true brotherhood is possible. It is the world brotherhood that causes the confusion.

Brotherhood in worldly consciousness is, I believe, not possible due to the nature of worldly consciousness. But when that worldly consciousness is superseded by the Spiritual consciousness within, the Christ Consciousness, and people are united in that consciousness, then brotherhood is possible. As Jesus has said, "these," pointing to his disciples, who are united in God, in the Christ Consciousness, "these are my brothers." So that is the important thing to remember as we discuss this subject, "World Brotherhood."

Now world brotherhood will not come by forced restrictions, and regulations, and rules of governments, and worldly consciousness. We know that. It has been tried for many, many times. I remember the Master visited President Coolidge – long time ago. And about that time Disarmament was in vogue. And he talked to President Coolidge, and he said, "Mr. President, do you think that the curtailing of armaments will stop people from fighting? Won't they fight when you take battleships away and guns? Won't they fight with their fists, stones, anything they can lay their hands on?" Coolidge says, "Yes." He was a man of few words, you know. He says, "Yes, that's right."

So that is, and that is the point. World brotherhood will not come by forced restrictions, regulations, and such things. It has been tried. But, as I have said, that world brotherhood will come when you change the hearts of men. And when, through following a channel of God, men see the One Eternal Flame of God, the One Cosmic Light, and see every other person as a flame of that, a ray of that Cosmic Flame, and realize in their sights – not in theory – but through Realization. Then their hearts are changed. Then they can feel only one way – true brotherhood.

So those who are United in the Christ Consciousness, or who can perceive and realize the underlying Unity of Consciousness behind this duality of consciousness, they are the ones who will Unite and are United in true brotherhood. Now, when you change the hearts of men, and men see every other person as a part of that One Common Father, then brotherhood can come easily. In fact, that is the real brotherhood.

Now possibly, world brotherhood will be consummated when people understand the nature of this worldly existence. That's the whole thing. If you understand the nature of this worldly existence, you will know where the importance lies. You will know that worldly existence is not the true existence. When people understand that, then perhaps, they will make the effort to be One with the Underlying Unity, the Reality of all existence, the Eternal Verity of God Himself. That's the key.

So when you're on the floor, you fall on the floor, you have to get up. You have to put your hand down to help yourself up. So we're in this worldly existence. So, if we can understand this worldly existence more, understand the nature of living here; then perhaps, we will be forced, so to speak, or urged, to know the Underlying Eternal Verity of existence. Knowing that, then perhaps true brotherhood will come.

Now, our existence in worldly consciousness is changeable – transient. Civilizations have come and gone. People are born and die. Empires have flourished to a tremendous extent. Where is Babylon and the great empire of Egypt and Rome now? They have come and gone. Civilizations come; great cities. Look at the cities over there in Asia Minor; all buried up now, were flourishing cities. Even worlds come and go. Worlds are born and worlds disintegrate. So this consciousness is changeable.

Now how, how can we have a true brotherhood with such an impermanent consciousness? It's impossible, isn't it? So there is the key. The key to world brotherhood is not in this impermanent consciousness, but it is in the Permanent Presence of God, which is in each and every one on this earth, and in all earths. So, if we can understand the nature of this worldly consciousness – know it, know what the values are – then we will be urged to look beyond that into the reality of ex, of existence, the One Eternal Presence of God.

Now it 'tis the fact that that One Eternal Presence of God has been changed into this duality of existence, and has produced many other things, which seem real, and seemingly have a separate existence, that causes the confusion. The Eternal Verity of God's Presence has become many – separate things – you and I and all things from the One Eternal Verity underneath. That is what has caused the delusion. If we can understand that, then we can perhaps know how to bring about true brotherhood on earth. This One Eternal Verity must be understood. How? By replacing, by replacing this worldly consciousness with the Consciousness of God in us.

The Underlying, One Consciousness from which all things have come, producing the delusion, producing this seemingly separate existence of things. They're all one; from the Underlying One Unit of Consciousness. That's the important thing we must understand. If we can understand that, then perhaps, we can seek and know the real thing behind this diversity of consciousness; this worldly consciousness, in which we see change, and realize there is no permanency; not at all.

Now the Bhagavad Gita¹ has pointed that out very emphatically. Let me read just a bit from the 13th Discourse [30th Line], and this is a free translation. We read as follows: "When one realizes the separate existence of all things as being rooted in the one..." All scriptures say the same thing. The Bible says the same thing. Jesus said, "Seek first the kingdom of heaven?". So the Gita says: "When one realizes the separate existence of all things as being rooted in the one and spreading forth from it, then he reaches the eternal." That is, you have to know the underlying Unity of Consciousness, God's Presence.

Going on in the 10th Discourse, the 8th Line: "I am the ~~origin~~ Generator of all; all evolves from Me; ~~knowing this~~ [understanding thus], the wise ~~worship~~ [adore] Me ~~with loving ecstasy~~ [in rapt emotion]³." When you first realize the Unity, Unity of God's Presence, then the heart begins to wake up. Then you worship that one Cause, the Origin of all things, with loving ecstasy. That's the changing of the hearts of men. That's the reality, that's what we must do.

So, world brotherhood can come only when the hearts of men have been changed through realization. It has been tried many other ways. It has been tried in the name of religion. There have been many wars, many divisions, many attempts, to unify people in the name of religion – separation from the established church. People establishing their own idea as to brotherhood through, in the name of religion. They have all failed.

And, then, politically; they had to bring, attempted to bring, about brotherhood through disarmament, regulations, and so forth – control of atomic energy, and League of Nations. Those things are attempts. But they have missed the

¹ The Bhagavad Gita or The Lords Song, Translated by Dr. Annie Besant, 1939

² Matthew 6:33

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fountainhead, which is to change the hearts of men. That's wherein we must strive to bring about world brotherhood.

Now why is this? Why will it fail? It will fail because wine, and sex, and especially money, power; power is too strong. You cannot control power while in worldly consciousness. It's impossible. They've tried it for ages. So remember, it will not come that way, due to the fact that worldly consciousness, in which we find these different things – sex, wine, and power. Power especially – the power of money! That's what's standing in the way now, will not come, because those are too strong. They cannot be overcome. But only now, this is the first point. There are two points this morning I want to leave with you. First is this. Only, only by replacing worldly consciousness, in which these things are so strong, by the Love of God, can we bring about world brotherhood. Remember that. That's the first point to remember: Replacing worldly consciousness with God's Love.

You know, as well as I know, you cannot overcome these deeply ingrained hidden habits and forces within us that I have just mentioned, unless your worldly consciousness is replaced by that Great Love of God. That will do it, but that alone will do it. Jesus pointed the way. Jesus pointed the way when he said in St. John, the 16th Chapter, 33rd Verse: "These things have I spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world."

"In me," means in the Peace of Christ Consciousness, which I have. There, there the hearts of men will be changed. That is, the Love of God must replace worldly consciousness. Then, when it says "in the world;" in the world means, that by its nature, we will have tribulations, because it goes with duality of consciousness. Look about you. Don't you see plenty of tribulations? But, then he gives the final thing. He says the final, most wonderful thing, "Be of good cheer; I have overcome the world."

What has he done? He has simply superseded worldly consciousness by the Love of God. That's overcoming the world. In spite of worldly consciousness, that can be done. In spite of worldly consciousness, with all its dualities, and troubles, and paradoxes, and injustices, the Love of God can replace that worldly consciousness; and it is that, as Jesus said, which will bring true brotherhood, right here, now, on earth, in spite of this duality of consciousness. But people try to change the duality of consciousness. That won't do it. You have to supersede it by the Love of God. That will bring true world brotherhood.

Now the second important point is this: That world brotherhood, or brotherhood, will exist in all of those who are United in Christ Consciousness. So whether there are tribulations in the world, which there are, or not, that doesn't make any difference. The brotherhood can be right here and now, and is for those who are One in Christ Consciousness. That's the important point. That's the second point.

When it says in our prayer, "Thy kingdom come," it means that kingdom of all those who are United in Christ Consciousness, who have superseded the worldly consciousness with the Love of God – replaced it. That's the brotherhood. That's here and now. That's why we keep saying, "Thy kingdom come. [Thy will be done in] ~~an~~ earth, as it is in heaven⁴." We don't have to wait till this worldly consciousness changes. In fact, it won't do any good to wait, because it won't change. It'll always be there with its tribulation. But the true brotherhood will come when each and every one of us supersede that worldly consciousness with the One Love of God. Then God's Kingdom will come – "Thy kingdom come."

Now, finally, I have noticed one thing, lately, in the President's speech, which was very encouraging, when President Eisenhower spoke a day or so ago. It shows the urge of these various scriptures that I have read; the urge of the Bhagavad Gita to seek underneath, the One Divine Power; the One Unity of Consciousness from which all things have come. And it also shows the urge of Jesus' words. In the world we shall have trouble, but seek underneath the Divine Power, overcome worldly consciousness, supersede it by the perception of God's Presence, right here on earth, now. We see this urge in the various political happenings, and especially in the President's speech of a day or so. It was very wonderful. There's no question but the Power of God is working through him. I want to read just a word or two from it; then I'll be through.

He says "People turn to Divine Power. Prayers of the world are a mighty force. Now it is natural, for people steeped in religious civilization..." That's why America is so great. We may have our faults, but we do have that great desire in our hearts to know God. And we do not seek any advancement of power, but we seek to help others. That's why America is so great, and that's why America will live.

⁴ Matthew 6:10

So he says, "Now it is natural for such people steeped in religious civilization, when they come to moments of great importance, maybe even crises such as now we face, to turn to the Divine Power..." To supersede our consciousness with the Consciousness of God in us – that's what the President means. That's what Spirit is saying through him. He is following the urge of the Bhagavad Gita, and all scriptures, and our own Bible, when he says to turn to the Divine Power that each has in his own heart. When the hearts of men are changed, then true brotherhood will come. "...that each has in his own heart, believes in his own heart, for guidance, for wisdom, for some help in doing the thing that is honorable and is right. I have no doubt that tonight throughout this country, and indeed throughout the world, such prayers are ascending."

Why? Because America is trying to supersede worldly consciousness, due to the fact that she is favored by God as a Spiritual Nation. So he says, "I have no doubt that tonight throughout the country, and indeed throughout the world, such prayers are ascending. This is a mighty force..." There's no force equal to the Power of God contact, because then His Love flows. "...and this brings me to the thought that through prayer..." Imagine, President of the United States thinking such words. Why? Because the Spiritual Power of God is working. So he says, this brings, a might, "...this brings me to the thought that through prayer we could also achieve a very definite and practical result at this very moment."

What other way can they receive any result? Only through Union with God's Consciousness within us; no other way; not through political means. Not through worldly consciousness, but only by the aid of prayer; uniting the Nation's consciousness with God within. Then he says, "Suppose, on the next Sabbath Day, observed by each of our religions, Americans, 165 million of us, went to our accustomed places of worship, and crowding those places, asked for help..." Not use ego-consciousness, and demanded this and that, from other nations, but asked God, as humble children, for help. That's the great thing. "...and by so doing demonstrated to all the world, the sincerity and depth, of our aspirations for peace."

That shows, that shows that even though perhaps the politicians do not recognize it, that world peace, true brotherhood, will come, only, when we as humble children, beg, beg, that God lift us up; supersede our worldly consciousness with His Great Consciousness of Love.

And so, remember, don't be discouraged, or disturbed by these oscillations in worldly consciousness. But, realize that when we supersede that worldly,

unstable consciousness, with its tribulation by the Love of God, then we will have the brotherhood, right there, and now. We don't have to wait for that impossible situation of changing worldly consciousness into an ideal consciousness. It can't be done. But we can bring world brotherhood, right now, amongst us, by all Uniting in that One Great Consciousness of the One Common Father – Christ Consciousness within.