

“Resurrection From Delusion” - Easter

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Inspiring on this Easter occasion. Before our discussion this morning, I want to take this opportunity to thank Mrs. Olson for the flowers, which she has given for this Easter service; also, Mrs. Marcus for decorating our church, which she does so nicely. And I want to thank the Ladies Auxiliary for their contribution of the flowers on this occasion, for the children, and for the service which will follow. And also I want to congratulate Mrs. Kennel and Mrs. Gunsullus for the wonderful Easter music. It's a very inspiring piece, I know, selection. I know you all felt as I did.

Our subject this morning, of course, is resurrection: “Resurrection From Delusion.” Usually on Easter time, our thoughts run toward resurrection, Jesus' Resurrection. But on this Easter occasion we are going to discuss “Resurrection From Delusion.” “Resurrection From Delusion.”

Now resurrection, as I'm sure you realize, means any arising, arising again from some state – any renewal, any restoration of something. That's what resurrection really means in a practical pragmatic way – resurrecting something which has been hidden. And if there is something to be resurrected, it means that that something must be hidden, covered up, depressed by this thing called delusion. And that is what we must do, is to clear away that which is covering up that something, something wonderful, underlying this consciousness of delusion.

Now what is that something? That something must rise again, must be renewed, must be restored. That something, which is covered up by this thing called delusion; and that something is your own Soul. That something is the Soul Consciousness within you, the Eternal Consciousness of God in each and every one of us which has been covered up and must be renewed. That is the Eternal part of us. That Eternal part of us cannot be hurt, cannot be harmed, cannot die. That Eternal part of us always was and always will be. That is the same Eternal Consciousness of which I spoke in our reference this morning from the Bible. That's God's Presence in us, the God of Jacob, the God of Abraham, the God of each and every one of us that must be resurrected by removing that which is covering it up, depressing it, keeping it submerged, and that thing is delusion. That thing is delusion.

In the Bhagavad Gita¹, we read in the 2nd Discourse, the following words to this effect: that the Soul perishes not in the perishable body. It is the body that perishes; it is the body that causes the delusion. The Soul perishes not in the perishable body. Water does not wet the Soul, nor fire does not burn it.² Any outward condition does not touch that Soul within us. That's God in us. That's the reality.

Jesus said the same thing. Jesus said, he referred to the Eternal Father Himself when he declared, "...Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up."³ Jesus knew of the Eternal part of himself. He knew the body was insecure. He knew what is transient, changeable. But he knew the Soul was Eternal. And he knew the Power of the Soul. He knew the Soul was God in him, but was it to him to once more renew the physical body. But this morning we are discussing delusion, not the resurrection of the body. First we must rid that thing which prevents us from realizing that we are children of God, Eternal Consciousness within us.

And so, the next question which we ask is: what is delusion? What is delusion? Delusion is known by many names. Throughout the body we read that it is called sin, and iniquity, and many things, and many people think that they are sinners, and that there's not much hope for them. The only thing they should realize is that they are not sinners, they are children of God made in His Image, and that it is, sin is delusion, which makes us realize, makes us believe, that this body is the reality, and that this outward consciousness is secure and will last.

Everything about delusion depends on this one thing – misconception, ignorance – when we think that this body is the reality and that this worldly existence is reality. What a misconception. What a terrible misconception. What an ignorance, when we really are children of God – Eternal – always were. Our consciousness always was and always will be. Not outward consciousness; but God in us. That's what we are. What a horrible misconception. What an ignorance to think this delusion is reality.

¹ The Bhagavad Gita or The Lord's Song, Translated by Dr. Annie Besant, 1939.

² Ibid, 2nd Discourse, Verses 22-25, "As a man, casting off worn-out garments, taketh new ones, so the dweller in the body, casting off worn-out bodies, entereth into others that are new. Weapons cleave him not, nor fire burneth him, nor waters wet him, nor wind drieth him away. Uncleavable he, incombustible he, and indeed neither to be wetted nor dried away; perpetual, all-pervasive, stable, immovable, ancient, unmanifest, unthinkable, immutable, he is called; therefore knowing him as such, thou shouldst not grieve."

³ St. John 2:19, "Jesus answered and said unto them, Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up."

Now we have proof of this, we have proof in our own Bible that that's what we are, and we must resurrect that once more. We must lift it up from under the rubbish pile of delusion. And in Ezekiel, Ezekiel, 28th Chapter, 14th, 15th, and 16th Verses, I will just give you the gist of it, where we read as follows. Remember, I have said, Jesus said: "Ye...are children of the most High."⁴ We have that Spiritual Consciousness. It's covered up by this rubbish of delusion, misconception, ignorance, called sin, iniquity, many things. Forget it. Realize the positive thing; you are children of God, nothing else. For a little bit in delusion perhaps, but don't emphasize it. Don't empha, don't emphasize the sin. Don't emphasize the misconception. If ya do, ya stay in it. Emphasize you are a child of God.

And so we read in Ezekiel, 28th Chapter, 14th, 15th, and 16th Verses: "...thou wast upon the holy mountain of God..."⁵ We had this consciousness of the Holy Presence of God within us called the "holy mountain of God." We had it. It also says: and "...thou didst walk up and down in the midst of the stones of fire."⁶ The stones of fire represent the Centers of Spiritual Consciousness in your own spine, in mine, in every child of God. And when you feel good, and somebody does a good turn, you feel a thrill in there. Why? Because the Presence of God is there. That's why we feel it. We had that in a dynamic way. We had the Consciousness of God in the Thousand-rayed Lotus, the Spiritual brain where God dwells. And the place that you see that is here [at the point between the eyebrows] in the Christ Center. We had that. We had the Spiritual Consciousness in the Centers of the spine until something happened. Delusion came in.

And so, we read a little further: "Thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created till iniquity was found in you (sic)."⁷ What's iniquity? Delusion, that's all – misconception – ignorance of what we really are.

Then in the 16th and last verse it says: "By the multitude of thy merchandise they have filled the midst of thee with violence and thou hast sinned..."⁸ We sin, if

⁴ Psalm 82:6, "I have said, Ye are gods; and all of you are children of the most High."

⁵ Ezekiel 28:14, "Thou art the anointed cherub that covereth; and I have set thee so: thou wast upon the holy mountain of God; thou hast walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire."

⁶ Ibid.

⁷ Ezekiel 28:15, "Thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till iniquity was found in thee."

⁸ Ezekiel 28:16, "By the multitude of thy merchandise they have filled the midst of thee with violence, and thou hast sinned: therefore I will cast thee as profane out of the mountain of God: and I will destroy thee, O covering cherub, from the midst of the stones of fire."

you wanna call it that, because we stay in the delusion. We multiply it by the “multitude of thy merchandise,” we increase it. We increase the misconception, because we don’t get out of it, that’s why. And through the law of delusion and ignorance and darkness, it increases, and we allow it to increase. That’s the sin, if you wanna call it the sin, because it keeps us in ignorance, which is the greatest sin, that we are children of God.

And then it says, because of this: “...therefore, I will cast thee as profane out of the mountain of God...,”⁹ because we allow this delusion to stay in – no edict of God – no. We allow it, that’s all. As the Master said, what’s the difference between a saint and an ordinary person, or a sinner? A saint is a sinner who didn’t give up. He didn’t give up until he threw out delusion, until he dispelled the darkness and the clear Light of God came in. That’s what we have to do, because that’s what we really are, children of God.

And so, the practical lesson which we must learn this morning is, that from this unbecoming consciousness, this unbecoming state of consciousness, as a child of God, which we are in, we must resurrect ourselves from that. This worldly consciousness, this mundane consciousness, this consciousness where we fear and cringe, must be superseded by the consciousness of what we are – children of God, made in His Own Image.

St. Paul said, “...I die daily.” St. Paul said, “I protest by the rejoicing in Christ, I die daily.”¹⁰ All St. Paul said, really, was I declare by the Bliss of God I feel in me, that I have resurrected my consciousness, I have died daily to delusion and outward consciousness. St. Paul said that. And as St. Paul has done, so must we resurrect our consciousness, die daily to mundane consciousness.

Right as you worship here and we listen to the words of God through the Master’s teachings, we are resurrected from that mundane consciousness and we feel the Peace and the Bliss of God. We have done it. We can do it at times. We must make it dynamic to our consciousness every moment of our existence.

And so finally, we must realize that we have that Spiritual Consciousness. This is the positive aspect. The negative aspect is we must do away with delusion. But we cannot do away with delusion unless we can put something in its place. And so, the final point is that we must realize that we have that Spiritual

⁹ Ibid.

¹⁰ I Corinthians 15:31, “I protest by your rejoicing which I have in Christ Jesus our Lord, I die daily.”

Consciousness. We have the Presence of God in us. It says in the 82nd Psalm: “I have said, Ye are gods; children of the most High.¹¹” (*Sic*) We are God’s children, made in His Image. It is His Omniscience in us that is our consciousness. Master said that. “God’s Omniscience is your own omniscience.” What’s the matter? Delusion prevents us from realizing it. So the Master says, “God’s Omniscience is your own omniscience,” you must know it, you must realize it.

Jesus also said, “The things I do, ye shall do, and greater things.¹²” (*Sic*) The things I do, ye shall do, and greater things. Jesus also said, “I and my Father are one.¹³” So are we. We can, and we must resurrect, renew, restore that which we really are, children of God, God’s Omniscient Consciousness. All the saint has done is remove the obstruction of delusion which prevented that Omniscience of God manifesting through him, that which has prevented that Omniscience of God being dynamic to his consciousness; he has done away with it. He has uncovered that goal of Spiritual Consciousness within.

So, finally, we come to the question, how, how to do it, how to do it? Very simple; by contacting the Holy Ghost within, by contacting the Cosmic Word within; by contacting the Comforter, of which Jesus spoke which is in each and every one of us – that Holy Vibration – by the simple but true methods of Self-Realization Yoga. These methods give you contact with the Holy Vibration, the Holy Ghost. Why is that so important? Because the Holy Ghost is God in each and every one of us. “In the beginning was the Word, the Word was with God, the Word was God.¹⁴” The “Word” is the Holy Vibration. Self-Realization gives you those simple, easy-to-do techniques, which give you contact with God in you as the Holy Ghost. Having that, how can delusion stay? It cannot stay. Delusion must pass away.

As the Master used to say, “Delusion, like a dark bird, flies away on the coming of the Great Spiritual Light.” That Spiritual Light is the Holy Vibration. Science knows that. Science knows that there is One Eternal Light into which all things resolve. They have proved it. The yogis knew it by meditation and realization. And that’s how we can resurrect our consciousness from delusion, by being one with the Holy Ghost within, the Presence of God within each and every one of us

¹¹ See Footnote 4

¹² St. John 14:12, “Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father.”

¹³ St. John 10:30, “I and my Father are one.”

¹⁴ St. John 1:1, “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.”

– the Great Eternal Light, His Great Omniscient Love. And by that, by that, by that we shall be saved from delusion.

As it says in Titus, “Not by works of righteousness which we have done...¹⁵”
Not by all the good you can do. That’s good to do those things. It lays up good karma, but that doesn’t take you into the Presence of God. “Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us...”
How? “...by the washing and regeneration of the Holy Ghost.¹⁶” (*Sic*)

That’s why Self-Realization is so important, and that’s why it will save you from delusion, because by the washing and regeneration of the Holy Ghost, what happens? The Great Spiritual Light of God, the Holy Ghost, instead of striking your being and consciousness, and being reflected, it is received. And those who receive the Holy Ghost are those who [are] baptized by the Holy Ghost.

And so, we shall be saved, delusion will fly away when, through the Grace of God, finally, instead of reflecting His Great Spiritual Light, we receive the Omniscient Spiritual Light of our Souls and God’s Presence in us, and are then saved forever from delusion.

¹⁵ Titus 3:5, “Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost;”

¹⁶ Ibid.